

Question on Notice

No. 963

Asked on Thursday 28 August 2025

HON M FURNER asked the Minister for Primary Industries (**HON A PERRETT**)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) how sustained yield is calculated in Queensland State Forests and (b) how regularly is it updated?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As the Member may already know, ‘Sustained yield’ is estimated by the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) as the volume of native sawlogs that can be harvested each year while maintaining forest values, productive capacity, and the area of State-owned native forests available for harvesting in each designated supply region. These estimates are modelled by:

- determining the area of forest that is both available and suitable for native timber production (the ‘net productive area’). This includes all available State-owned native forests, not just State forests
- conducting an extensive in-field forest inventory to obtain a contemporary description of the forest structure and condition, and
- simulating forest growth and harvesting over time and modelling the sustained yield using bespoke software.

DPI has undertaken sustained yield modelling over the last four years for key supply zones in Southern Queensland. In Northern Queensland, in-field inventory measurements are currently underway to inform sustained yield estimates for supply zones in this region.

The future scheduling and resourcing of DPI’s sustained yield program for State-owned native forests will be informed by the outcomes of the Queensland Government’s Landmark Future Timber Plan and associated five-year action plan.