

Kim Booth MP to the Minister for Forestry

Minister, Treasury's April 2013 publication, *Structural Change in the Tasmanian Economy* states, and I quote,

"The plantation industry and Gunns Ltd were affected by the collapse of a number of Managed Investment Schemes, which had resulted in a sizeable expansion of plantation forestry on Crown land"

Minister, how many hectares of Crown land are now leased under these arrangements?

Table 3.7 of Appendix two from Forestry Tasmania's 2012 Stewardship Report outlines plantation ownership on state forests. It indicates that 15,420 ha of the 55,960 hardwood plantation estate on state forests is privately owned, including 13,870 ha established under Gunns Plantations Limited's Management Investment Scheme.

Are lease fees being paid and if not how much is the Crown or its agencies now owed? Lease fees have been paid to date.

Do any of the arrangements include management fees and if so what is the status of that debt? Gunns Limited owes FT about \$0.3 M in management fees.

What is the status of ownership of the trees? The ownership of the trees is being determined by receivers and managers of Gunns Limited and Gunns Plantations Limited.

Has the Crown assumed ownership of any of the trees? No

Will the Crown ensure that no trees are removed unless and until all lease fees are paid? Yes, or alternative satisfactory arrangements have been made.

And has your department, Treasury or Forestry Tasmania obtained or sought formal advice about ownership and liability issues relating to these now dud-plantations? FT is seeking legal advice on this matter.

And if so, will you table that advice? Not applicable.