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QUESTION ON NOTICE — Ms Sandell to ask the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change —

With reference to the review of Victoria's Code of Forest Practice:

(1) What are the terms of reference for this review.

(2) What is the status of, and next steps in, this review.

(3) When will this review be finalised.

Answer:

The Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014 (the Code) sets out important rules to protect biodiversity and reduce environmental risk in the planning and conduct of timber harvesting operations. The Victorian Government takes the protection of our natural environment very seriously and understands that Victoria's forests are highly valued in the community. It is important that the Code is regularly reviewed to ensure it is modern and fit for purpose.

On 31 March 2020, Victoria's Regional Forests Agreements (RFAs) were renewed. Under the RFAs, the State of Victoria has committed to comprehensively review the Code by December 2023.

The scope of this review is currently being developed, taking into consideration the devastating impact of the 2019/20 Victorian Bushfires, ongoing threatened species risk assessments and the development of the RFA Major Event Review.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will advise stakeholders of the proposed scope and process for the review once this has been finalised. The Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987 specifies that the comprehensive review of the Code will include a public consultation process and consideration of submissions.

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							Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change	
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