

RESPONSE FROM MINISTER McDONALD TO QUESTION ABOUT CANCELLATION OF RFAS

2082—NEW SOUTH WALES FOREST AGREEMENTS

Mr Cohen to the Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Energy, Minister for Mineral Resources, and Minister for State Development—

What would be the total cost to the Government in terms of compensation or other expenditure in the event that the New South Wales Forest Agreements for the Southern and Eden regions were cancelled forthwith?

Answer—

Cancelling the agreements would be of little social, economic or environmental benefit to NSW, yet the cost to the State of NSW in terms of breaching the faith of industry and other stakeholders and meeting compensation and litigated damages claims would be incalculable.

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