

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee

**Written Questions on Notice – Tuesday, 7 May 2013
CANBERRA ACT**

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Answer: 100 % of moneys received were reinvested into our existing Scottsdale business to help cover the cost of losing thirty percent of our business due to the collapse of the native forest export woodchip market.

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Answer: My sons both work for KJ PADGETT & CO P/L one in management the other as a mechanic. Exit grant money has not been transferred to either of them to invest in their businesses in the forest industry.