

FIREARMS LICENCES

902. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the ongoing delays in processing applications for legitimate firearms owners.

- (1) What are the current grades of service for the processing of applications for original firearms licences?
- (2) How many applications for original firearms licences were beyond those grades of service for the month of August 2014?
- (3) How many applications as for (2) were beyond the grades of service due to delays by Australia Post?
- (4) How many applications as for (2) were beyond the grades of service due to delays by firearms division processing?
- (5) What are the current grades of service for the processing of applications for additions to existing firearms licences?
- (6) How many applications for additions to firearms were beyond those grades of service for the month of August 2014?
- (7) How many applications as for (6) were beyond the grades of service due to delays by Australia Post?
- (8) How many applications as for (6) were beyond the grades of service due to delays by firearms division processing?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Police, I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The current grades of service for original firearm licences is 29 working days.
- (2) At 31 August 2014, there were nine original firearm licence applications exceeding the grades of service.
- (3) None.
- (4) The delays were due to the need for firearm licence assessors having to contact the applicant for verification and/or clarification and to await response from the applicant to progress the application.
- (5) The current rate of service for additional firearm licences is 21.7 working days.
- (6) At 31 August 2014 there were 28 additional firearm licence applications exceeding the grades of service.
- (7) None.
- (8) The delays were due to the need for firearm licence assessors having to contact the applicant for verification and/or clarification and await response from the applicant to progress the application.