

**FIREARMS AMENDMENT BILL 2003, CLARIFICATION OF REMARKS**

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**HON LOUISE PRATT** (East Metropolitan) [6.09 pm]: I do not think anyone in this Chamber has a more open mouth than does Hon Peter Foss.

Hon Robyn McSweeney: It is a very learned mouth.

Hon LOUISE PRATT: I am sure *Hansard* will attest to that.

Hon Peter Foss: The thing is that I am worth listening to. That is the big difference.

Hon LOUISE PRATT: I do not begrudge Hon Peter Foss opening his mouth earlier today during the debate on the Firearms Amendment Bill to interject on me when he misunderstood my argument. I simply want to clarify what I said to the honourable member; that is, firearms that are illegally used in a crime are likely to have been legally held by the original owner. That is why it is vitally important that the firearms legislation regulate the ownership of guns in a way that ensures that guns that are legally held by people stay with those people and that their use is restricted to those persons. That is one of the objectives of the legislation we debated today. I simply wanted to clarify that matter for the member.

*House adjourned at 6.10 pm*

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