

**POLICE — STOLEN FIREARMS**

1786. Hon Rick Mazza to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to Operation Bluesun and the report in *The West Australian* that 1317 firearms were stolen between January 2016 and July 2018 and I ask:

- (a) what proportion of those stolen firearms were:
  - (i) components of firearms classified as firearms under the current Act;
  - (ii) paintball guns;
  - (iii) firearms other than those in categories A, B, C and H; and
  - (iv) firearms owned by government departments or agencies; and
- (b) of those stolen firearms:
  - (i) what proportion were recovered;
  - (ii) how many offenders were apprehended;
  - (iii) how many charges were laid against apprehended offenders;
  - (iv) of those charges how many were for burglary and how many were for offences under the *Firearms Act 1973*; and
  - (v) how many convictions were there for offences under the *Firearms Act 1973* and what were the penalties applied?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Western Australian Police Force advise:

- (a) (i) 15. Refers to non-conventional firearms such as pen guns and other items deemed to be capable of discharging or propelling a shot, bullet or other missile.
- (ii) Zero.
- (iii)

Firearm Type	Quantity Stolen	Quantity Recovered	Percentage Recovered
Rifle	745	140	19%
Shotgun	225	36	17%
Pistol	216	38	17%
Revolver	69	5	7%
Antique Firearm	32	9	28%
Rifle Air or Gas	15	8	53%
Other	15	3	20%

- (iv) The Western Australia Police Force Incident Management System (IMS) does not record that specific information.
- (b) (i) Refer to table above. (239)
- (ii)–(iv) The term “apprehended offender” isn’t a usual term used by police, nor is it readily searchable. If the member clarifies his question, I’ll endeavour to get the information from police.
- (v) Please refer to the Attorney General.