

NATIONAL FIREARMS AGREEMENT

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

I draw the minister's attention to a recent temporary ban on the importation of the Adler A110 shotgun amid comments from law enforcement and the media that they should have been restricted in the 1996 buyback, along with semi-automatic firearms and pump-action shotguns, because they have the capacity for rapid fire and are alleged to represent a significant risk. Lever-action rifles and shotguns, including those with magazine capacity of more than five rounds, have remained continuously available since the 1880s and owned under category A and B licences since 1996.

Can the minister please advise whether the Western Australian government will support these restrictions as part of the national firearms agreement review, given that no significant incidents have occurred using these firearms?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

The temporary ban on the importation of lever-action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds was a commonwealth government decision and is a matter for the commonwealth. This ban includes the Adler A110 lever-action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds. The review of the national firearms agreement is an ongoing matter.