

FIREARMS — LICENCES

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

During estimates hearings on 26 September 2013, WA Police was questioned in regard to its capacity to provide an expedited approval for the licensing of additional firearms of the same category. In reply, Assistant Commissioner Chris Dawson referred to the necessity of applying case law, specifically the “Kashani decision”.

- (1) Is the minister aware that no other case law has been demonstrated by WA Police in regard to its capacity to provide expedited approval?
- (2) Is the minister aware that an appeal to the Supreme Court overturned the key elements of the Kashani decision?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

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

- (1) Section 18(10) of the Firearms Act 1973 provides for expedited approval of an application for an additional firearm of the same kind to be added to a firearm licence at the Commissioner of Police’s discretion if he is satisfied it is in the public interest. The requirements of sections 11A and 11B of the Firearms Act 1973 are still required to be complied with, in that genuine need and reason have to be justified. WA Police will comply with the legislation as the primary manner of administering the functions under the act.
- (2) Due to the scope of the question, providing the information in the time required is not possible, so it is requested that the question be put on notice.