

FIREARMS — CRIMES

1006. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Police:

With regard to crimes involving guns, can the Minister provide the following information for each of past five financial years:

- (a) the number of reported crimes involved guns;
- (b) the number of individuals were charged with crimes while armed with a gun;
- (c) the number of those charged that were licensed firearm owners; and
- (d) the number of the firearms used in the crimes recorded in (a) that were licensed weapons?

**Mr P. Papalia replied:**

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

(a)

Financial Year	2018–19	2019–20	2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Incidents with firearms involved	570	566	499	444	484

- (b)–(c) The WA Police Force is unable to answer this question as the number of offenders charged while armed with a firearm cannot be determined in a reliable and systematic manner. Manual interrogation of each incident where a firearm is involved will be required to ensure the firearm/s involved were utilised in the commission of the offence.
- (d) The WA Police Force is unable to answer this question due to the registration status of firearms not being recorded on the incident management system report for an offence. As a result, manual investigation would be necessary for each firearms related offence to ascertain the registration status of the firearm.

Note: Statistics are provisional and subject to revision.