

FIREARMS — AMMUNITION SUPPLY

558. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to section 30(2) of the Firearms Act 1973, which provides for firearms dealers to legally supply ammunition to someone who does not hold a firearms licence but acts as an agent for a licensed firearms owner. The application of section 30(2) is particularly useful in remote areas when a member of a group is making a journey to town. Can the minister therefore advise on what grounds the Western Australia Police Force has recently been insisting that the practice applies only to primary producers?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises that it is not possible to provide a response to this question within the required time period. If the honourable member puts the question on notice, I will seek further information from the Western Australia Police Force.