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I would like to provide additional information in relation to the Hon. Nick Goiran's question without notice 1314 asked on 18 October 2023, which I ~~seek leave to have incorporated into Hansard.~~

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question Without Notice

Wednesday, 18 October 2023

C1450. Hon Nick Goiran to the Minister representing the Minister for Police

I refer to your announcement on 17 October 2023 launching a consultation paper on proposed reforms to firearms laws, and I ask:

1. Have you been briefed on the Law Reform Commission's final report on project 105?
2. Are any of the proposed reforms inconsistent with recommendations in that report?
3. If yes to 2, which ones and why has this been done?
4. Has the Government initiated a detailed analysis and assessment of the policy surrounding mental health and access to firearms in accordance with recommendation 50?
5. If yes to 4, will you table this analysis and assessment?

Answer

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

1. Yes.
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The proposed reforms are informed by the recommendations from the 2016 Law Reform Commission's Review and the 2017 National Firearms Agreement.

Additional information: Of the 143 recommendations from the Law Reform Commission's Review 120 will be implemented.

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A working group comprised of WA Police, the Mental Health Commission, the Royal Australian College of GPs and other stakeholders has been established to investigate the most effective process for health assessments. The Government will consider the working group's recommendations as part of the rewrite of the *Firearms Act 1973*.

