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FIREARMS AMNESTY

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

A significant number of firearms were claimed to have been surrendered during the WA Police firearms amnesty between August and December 2013.

- (1) Can the minister please provide
 - (a) the total number of firearms received by WA Police during the amnesty period;
 - (b) the number of handguns surrendered under the conditions of the amnesty;
 - (c) the number of shotguns surrendered under the conditions of the amnesty; and
 - (d) the number of rifles surrendered under the conditions of the amnesty?
- (2) Will the minister also disclose the total number of firearms delivered to WA Police by firearms dealers that were not subject to the conditions of amnesty but were claimed to be surrendered under the amnesty?
- (3) Is the minister aware that firearms dealers, as part of their commitment to safe firearms practices, deliver licensed but unserviceable stock and other legitimately held but obsolete firearms to WA Police for secure disposal?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (1) (a) 1 281;
 - (b) 131;
 - (c) 240; and
 - (d) 855.
- (2) Nil.
- (3) The WA Police licensing enforcement division provides an ongoing service to firearms dealers to account for and dispose of unserviceable firearms, parts and accessories.