

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

1314. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the minister's announcement on 17 October 2023 of the launch of a consultation paper on proposed reforms to firearms laws.

- (1) Has the minister been briefed on the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's *Review of the Firearms Act 1973 (WA): Project 105 final report*?
- (2) Are any of the proposed reforms inconsistent with recommendations in that report?
- (3) If yes to (2), which ones are inconsistent 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 the minister table this analysis and assessment?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information is provided by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advise the following.

- (1) Yes.
- (2)–(3) The proposed reforms are informed by the recommendations from the 2016 Law Reform Commission's review and the 2017 National Firearms Agreement. More information will be provided to the honourable member on 7 November 2023.
- (4)–(5) A working group composed of representatives from the WA Police Force, the Mental Health Commission, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners 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.