

FIREARMS — SPORTING SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (WA) FLYERS

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

I refer to advertising flyers included in Western Australian licence renewals.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (WA) has attempted through the Western Australia Police Force firearms branch to include “Secure your guns, secure your sport” flyers in firearms licence renewal notices as a community service to remind firearms owners of their obligations of safe storage?
- (2) If yes, considering a number of relevant advertising flyers are included with motor vehicle registration renewals, can the minister advise —
  - (a) why the SSAA’s gun safety flyers are not being included in firearms licence renewal notices; and
  - (b) when the SSAA (WA) flyer will be included if it is not being included in the firearms licence renewal notices?

I seek leave to table the flyer.

Leave granted. [See paper 2064.]

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Promoting the safe storage of firearms is a positive initiative and the minister can understand why distributing this information is advocated by the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (WA). The Western Australia Police Force advises that the brochure promotes a private association and endorsement for membership, and therefore is not appropriate to be distributed by the Western Australian Police Force.