

FIREARMS — LICENCES

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

Can the minister provide for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 —

- (a) the number of lodged firearms licence applications that were refused; and
- (b) the basis of the refusal?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (a) Firearms data obtained from the WA Police firearms registry system indicate that in 2010, 183 of 6 905 applications were refused; in 2011, 237 of 8 102 applications were refused; and in 2012, 316 of 8 343 applications were refused.
- (b) The response required for this question would take a significant amount of time and resources to collate and process, as each application would need to be reviewed manually. It is therefore not possible for police to obtain this information without significantly compromising other core policing activities.