

FIREARMS LICENCES

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

A significant number of firearms licence renewals which were previously free from any conditions for use are currently being reissued with reference to conditions which are not prescribed on the licence renewal and of which the licensee is not being advised.

- (1) Can the minister advise the rationale for those licences being subject to conditions of use?
- (2) Can the minister advise how firearms licensees can be informed of the conditions of use?
- (3) If the use of firearms on those licences is not in fact subject to conditions, why do the licences state that they are?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

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

- (1) In preparation for integration with the National Firearms Interface, a notation is required. Previously, if there were no existing conditions, the conditions section would remain blank. To meet National Firearms Interface standards, a required notation will state “For use as approved only”, and no further conditions have been imposed.
- (2) No further conditions have been placed upon the licensee and they may continue to use the firearm as intended when originally licensed. If there were pre-existing conditions, those will still apply and be noted in the conditions section. The licensee would be aware of those conditions.
- (3) See response to (1).