

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

1491. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 1314 on 19 October 2023, which informed the house that a working group involving WA police has been established to investigate the most effective process for health assessments associated with proposed reforms to firearms laws.

- (1) On what dates has the working group met?
- (2) When is the working group scheduled to provide its recommendations?
- (3) Is the minister aware the Law Reform Commission recommended that a detailed analysis and assessment of the policy surrounding mental health and access to firearms be undertaken?
- (4) Will this be done by the working group?
- (5) Will the minister be tabling this detailed analysis and assessment?

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)–(5) The Western Australia Police Force advises that the health assessment working group met on the following dates: 6 February 2023; 7 March 2023; 11 April 2023; 30 May 2023; 22 June 2023; and 27 June 2023. Since its last meeting, HAWG has been working on advice to be provided to the government and that is expected in early December.