

FIREARMS — CO-LICENSING

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

I refer to the long-held practice of co-licensing firearms, whereby the primary owner of that firearm consents to one or more other firearm owners to also register the firearm on their license. The purpose of this practice is to legitimise the use of a firearm by more than one person and is widely used within families.

- (1) Can the minister advise whether following the death of a primary licensee, that the firearms licensing services is now —
  - (a) seizing firearms from legitimately co-licensed users on the death of a primary firearm owner; and
  - (b) declaring that the co-licensing can be practised only by firearm licensees living under the same roof?
- (2) If yes to either (2)(a) or (b), can the minister advise —
  - (a) when these changes took place; and
  - (b) were the changes subject to a change of regulation?
- (3) If no to (2)(b), under whose authority did the change take place?
- (4) What consultation process was undertaken?
- (5) Were primary and co-licensees advised of these changes?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

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

- (1)–(5) These matters have been drawn to my attention during recent meetings with firearm stakeholders. I will be raising these matters with the WA Police force.