

FIREARMS — PROPERTY PERMISSION LETTERS

**1264. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:**

It has been a longstanding practice of the firearms licensing division to accept property permission letters signed by either the owner or the manager of that particular property for the purpose of satisfying the genuine-reason provision of the Firearms Act 1973. Recent applicants have been required to provide a letter signed by the owner of the property as permission from the manager of the property is no longer accepted. Considering that property managers are appointed by owners to manage properties and that the role includes arrangements for feral pest and vermin control, can the minister advise —

- (a) when the change of policy took place;
- (b) who was consulted regarding the change of policy; and
- (c) why the policy was changed?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

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

- (a) The policy has not changed. The requirement for written permission from the owner is covered under section 11A(2)(c) of the Firearms Act 1973.
- (b)–(c) Not applicable.