

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

1333. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the gun ownership reforms released for public consultation as proposed under the Firearms Act review.

- (1) Can the minister provide the number of submissions that have been received to date as feedback to the firearms bill consultation paper?
- (2) Noting the almost 10 500 signatures to date on the current extending consultation period on the proposed firearms reforms petition, will the minister consider extending the consultation period to three months?

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)–(2) The Western Australia Police Force advises that 4 240 submissions have been received as at 7 November 2023. Consultation on the proposed changes to the Firearms Act 1973 commenced in November 2021. In the near two-year period before the release of the consultation paper, more than 100 meetings were held with individuals, organisations, key stakeholders and regional communities. I encourage interested community members and stakeholders to make submissions on the proposed reforms before the end of the consultation period on 14 November 2023.