

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM — MENTAL HEALTH

1542. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

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

Can the minister please table the detailed analysis and assessment of the policy surrounding mental health and access to firearms, as set out in recommendation 50 of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's report of October 2016 *Review of the Firearms Act 1973 (WA)*?

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.

As the honourable member is aware, a health assessment working group, comprising representatives from the WA Police Force, the Mental Health Commission, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and other stakeholders, has been established to investigate the most effective process for health assessments. Advice from the HAWG, along with the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's October 2016 report *Review of the Firearms Act 1973 (WA)*, will inform the new Firearms Act.