

FIREARMS — LICENCE FEES

1080. Ms L.L. Baker to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the most recent increases to firearm licence fees which came into effect on 1 July 2013 and ask:

- (a) how many licenced firearm owners are there currently in Western Australia;
- (b) how many new registrations have there been each month since January 2012;
- (c) by how much, in dollar amount, have the fees increased annually for each category of firearms licences in Western Australia since 2008;
- (d) what percentage of revenue from the fees and charges for firearm licences goes directly into managing the firearm licencing system; and
- (e) what additional resources has Western Australian Police committed since 1 July 2013 to improve compliance with licencing procedures under the *Firearms Act 1973*?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a) 81,871 (as at 13 September 2013.)
- (b) The WA Police Firearms Registry System cannot provide a breakdown of how many new registrations are recorded on a monthly basis. However the following is provided:
01/01/2012 to 31/12/2012 there were 8,343 new registrations (an average of 695 per month)
01/01/2013 to 31/08/2013 there were 6,439 new registrations (an average of 804 per month)
- (c) [See paper 1082.]
- (d) 100 per cent.
- (e) In response to a 2009 Auditor General's Report, WA Police increased compliance resources by 3 police staff FTE in 2010 and an additional 3 police staff FTE to be recruited in 2013-14. The compliance cost incorporated into Firearms Licence Fees is \$900,000. The increased Firearm Licence Fees to cost recovery ensures the ongoing funding for compliance activities.