

LONE RANGES SHOOTING COMPLEX

1267. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the recent shooting incident at the Lone Ranges Shooting Complex in Belmont on 16 October 2014, the second such event to occur at this venue in the past two months during which self-inflicted firearms injuries have resulted in death.

- (1) Can the minister detail the licensing and safety requirements in place to prevent injuries to patrons of the Lone Ranges Shooting Complex?
- (2) Has the minister or officers of WA Police held discussions with the manager of the venue following the incidents?
- (3) Will additional safety requirements be put in place in future to prevent similar incidents from occurring; and, if so, what will those additional requirements be?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(3) The Lone Ranges Shooting Complex operates as an approved indoor range. It is a requirement that such ranges be inspected by a range safety officer to ensure compliance with safety regulations. The proprietor has a corporate and a dealer's firearms licence. The WA Police licensing enforcement division conducts inspections of the venue to ensure compliance with licensing conditions, for example, the correct storage of firearms. The proprietor had previously installed safety equipment—metal tethering cables—intended to provide a safe shooting environment. Since this latest incident, the proprietor has initiated the installation of further safety features—metal screening between shooter and metal tethering cables.