

POLICE — FIREARM LICENSING

398. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:

I refer to WAPOL's participation in Operation Unification to crack down on illicit firearms and I ask:

- (a) how many firearms in Western Australia are currently recorded on the system as unlicensed;
- (b) what are total numbers of licensed firearms in Western Australia; and
- (c) what is the current delay in processing firearm applications?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a) 3,066 as at 27 May 2013*.
 - Data includes all licences that have a status of 'Expired Unresolved' and firearms which are listed as still being licensed on the Firearms Registry System. This includes a significant number of historical licence matters where holders have left the State, are deceased, have reported their firearms lost/stolen or are in the process of relicensing or disposing of their firearm/s or have simply failed to renew their licence
- (b) 270,392 as at 24 May 2013.
- (c) There is no delay in processing firearm applications. The average working days for the current financial year as at April 2013 to process firearm applications for — Original firearms applications is: 35.3 days and for Additional firearm applications is: 28.6 days.