

HANDGUN LICENSING — PASTORALISTS

285. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to recommendation 3 in the August 2008 report to the minister of the review of the Firearms Act, which seeks to amend the regulations to the effect that pastoralists will be unable to license handguns for occupational purposes.

- (1) Since 1 January 2001, have there been any successful prosecutions for illegal use of licensed handguns in the electoral districts of Kimberley, Pilbara, North West, Kalgoorlie and Eyre?
- (2) If yes to (1), how many of these licences were held by pastoralists?
- (3) Since 1 January 2001, have there been any incidents that have resulted in death or injury to persons involving the use of licensed handguns in the electoral districts of Kimberley, Pilbara, North West, Kalgoorlie and Eyre?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many of these licences were held by pastoralists?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Minister for Police —

Information in the time required is not possible and therefore I ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order, members! I think members are inviting a similar answer to their questions if they do not desist.