

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

1354. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the Firearms Act reform consultation document released by the government and Western Australia Police Force earlier this week.

- (1) Given there are 73 references to regulations in that consultation document, will the minister circulate draft regulations for the consideration of interested parties as part of the current consultation process?
- (2) If no, how can people properly comment on the proposals when so much information on the practical implications of the proposed reforms remain unclear?

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.

- (1)–(2) The Western Australia Police Force advises that following the public consultation period, which is open until 14 November 2023, comments or suggestions regarding proposed changes will be accumulated, analysed and considered in finalising the proposed new firearms legislation. As is the normal practice, regulations will be finalised following the passage of the bill.