

FIREARMS ACT — REFORMS

1407. Hon BEN DAWKINS to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the proposed firearm reforms and the power for police to revoke a firearms licence if the holder has “dangerous views and opinions”.

- (1) Will the minister provide a list of defined “dangerous views and opinions”?
- (2) If no to (1), will the Commissioner of Police of the day subjectively decide what is a dangerous view or opinion?
- (3) If no to (2), how will “dangerous views and opinions” be defined?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(3) The Western Australia Police Force advises that the term “dangerous views and opinions” does not appear in the consultation paper and nor is it used by the agency in regard to the reforms to the Firearms Act. However, the terms “views and opinions” will be used in the fit-and-proper test for a person’s suitability to hold a firearms licence and will be assessed with regard to public safety.