

FIREARMS ACT — REFORM

1568. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 1491 asked on 16 November 2023 that informed the house of the six dates that the health assessment working group involving the Western Australia Police Force met regarding proposed reforms to firearms laws.

- (1) Will the minister table the six sets of minutes for the period from 6 February to 27 June?
- (2) If no to (1), will the minister undertake to give notice without delay to the Auditor General pursuant to section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006 of his decision not to provide this information to Parliament?
- (3) Does it remain the case that the working group is expected to provide advice to government in early December?
- (4) Will the minister undertake to make that advice publicly available, including by tabling it when Parliament resumes in February 2024?

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)–(4) As the honourable member would be aware, a working group does not report to Parliament and has no legislative requirements. The working group has been established to assist with the formation of policy consideration as part of the new Firearms Act. My previous answer remains current in relation to anticipated time frames.