

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 592**  
**Asked on 16 May 2018**

**MR P WEIR** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to a constituent in the Condamine Electorate who was advised recently that his weapons licence has expired, without receiving a renewal notice and now has to complete a new application and pay the associated costs—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many weapons licence holders in the Condamine Electorate have been advised of the expiration of their licence and (b) how many are going through the process of reapplying for a licence?

ANSWER:

I am informed by the Queensland Police Service that individual weapons licence holders are issued with licence cards that clearly display the expiry date. To assist licence holders with their renewal, the initial licence period is extended to reflect the applicant's day and month of birth.

Queensland Police Service issue firearm renewal packages as a courtesy, however the onus remains on the licensee to ensure their licence is valid.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the provision of the information requested by the Member requires the interrogation of multiple Weapons Licensing databases to identify the status of individual licence renewal requests, and individual examination of each renewal rejection notification to confirm the date and reason.

Queensland Police Service has further advised there are approximately 7,500 weapons licences in the Condamine Electorate and it would take approximately 1,250 hours for one person to provide this information and this is considered an unjustifiable use of police resources.

As at 20 May 2018, the Queensland Police Service advises there are 132 licence holders in the Condamine Electorate with a licence status of renewal pending.