

Question on Notice
No. 1044
Asked on 14 September 2021

MR J MCDONALD ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) what is the current average processing time and longest outstanding application for weapons licences, licence renewals and weapons licensing reviews, (b) how does this compare to the previous 5 years and (c) what is the solution to the backlog.

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the current timeframes for the processing of new weapon licenses are publicly available on the QPS Weapons Licensing website.

I am advised by the QPS that generally licence renewal applications are assessed within the legislated timeframe of 42 days after the expiry date of the licence.

It is important to note QPS advice that there are many variables, which can influence the processing time of applications, including incomplete and incorrect applications. Further, I am advised the impact of COVID-19 restrictions and the increase in applications following the initial COVID-19 restrictions continue to affect processing times.

In relation to weapons licensing reviews, if the Member is referring to administrative reviews conducted by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT), I am advised that the Member should refer questions regarding QCAT to the responsible Minister.