

Question on Notice
No. 126
Asked on 25 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the recently announced Firearms Advisory Committee with Queensland Police Service and firearms industry members to improve performance of firearms management—

Will the Minister advise why, despite the establishment of the Firearms Advisory Committee working group, we are seeing poor outcomes for law abiding firearms users including significantly longer delays in processing new firearm licenses, large numbers of firearm licence cancellations and seizures of firearms from people who have legally and safely held licences and used firearms for many years?

ANSWER:

As the Member would appreciate, public safety has always been and will always continue to be a priority of the Palaszczuk Government.

I have been assured that the Queensland Police Service (QPS) carefully considers every application to ensure weapons licences are issued to appropriate people.

The QPS has recently established a Firearms Oversight Committee to enhance community safety. This committee is overseeing recommendations from a recent audit report.

I have been assured that balancing community safety and public interest with the rights of firearms applicants and licence holders is at the forefront of the committee's work.