

Question on Notice
No. 198
Asked on 10 March 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise why the Weapons Licensing Branch of Queensland Police Service has, in the last three months, revoked or cancelled the licences of hundreds of law abiding firearms owners, a large number of whom have held licences for many years without incident?

ANSWER:

Public safety is a number one priority for this government.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that Weapons Licensing carefully considers every application to ensure weapons licenses are issued to appropriate people.

The QPS has recently established a Firearms Oversight Committee in relation to weapons licensing processes.

Balancing community safety and public interest with the rights of firearms applicants and licence holders is at the forefront of the committee's work.