

Question on Notice
No. 329
Asked on 24 March 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the more than 500 active cases in Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal involving appeals against the Weapons Licensing Branch of Queensland Police Service, which compares to less than a total of 120 cases for the whole of the preceding 11 years—

Will the Minister explain the sudden and truly massive increase in appeals against Weapons Licensing decisions that has occurred in the last few months?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) is the responsibility of another government department, rather than the Queensland Police Service (QPS).

Accordingly, I am advised that the QPS can only provide information about matters to which the QPS is a party before QCAT.

As such, the QPS has advised that as of 22 April 2021, there are 87 active cases before QCAT lodged in 2021.

I am further advised by the QPS there were 313 cases before QCAT over the preceding five-year period.