

Question on Notice
No. 849
Asked on 17 June 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to guidelines by the Weapons Licensing Branch for firearm licences and answer to Question on Notice No. 478 of 2021—

Will the Minister (a) release the medical advice identifying medical conditions which should be reportable, (b) advise when cancer was removed as a reportable medical condition and (c) list by year from 2015 to 2020 the number of (i) notifications to change of status due to a reportable medical condition and (ii) reports made within the prescribed 14-day period?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that each application, or review of an existing weapons licence holder, is considered carefully and individually.

The *Weapons Act 1990* (the Act) requires that a decision maker must consider all the factors relevant to the person being assessed. As each weapons licence holder's circumstances are considered carefully and individually, I am advised that it is not possible to exhaustively list all the examples which may be reportable conditions under the Act as such examples will be individual to the particular circumstances. I am advised that a weapons licence holder is required under the Act to report any change in their personal circumstances to police.

Accordingly, the licence holder should always discuss any changed circumstances with Weapons Licensing and, if necessary, Weapons Licensing will seek further advice from the person's doctor or other medical professional.

I am further advised, the list of conditions on the application form for a weapons licence is intended to ensure that an applicant can consider and declare any potentially relevant condition. The list is not intended to be exhaustive.

I am advised that as applicants are assessed and reviewed on a case-by-case basis, QPS would need to review each individual weapons licence holder's file to collate the data requested by the Member and further, that the QPS considers the Member's request to be an unjustifiable use of police resources.