Question on Notice No. 1291 Asked on 9 November 2022

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 processing times for PTAs and new weapons license applications for 2019 to 2022 to date (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

The Member has requested processing times for all permits to acquire (PTAs) and new weapons licence applications from 2019 to 2022 to date. I am advised by the QPS that the total number of finalised PTAs and new weapons applications (including those issued, rejected and withdrawn) for this period is 255,098.

I am informed by the QPS that a manual examination of Weapons Licensing records would be required to obtain data on the processing times for each individual PTA application and each individual new weapons licence application.

I am sure that the Member can appreciate that this is considered, by the QPS, to be an extremely unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.