

Question on Notice
No. 965
Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (reported separately) how many Permits to Acquire and how many Weapons License applications are currently waiting to be processed by Weapons Licensing?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the number of Permits to Acquire and Weapons License applications waiting to be processed changes daily. New Permits to Acquire (PTA) and Weapons License applications received by the QPS also changes daily.

Notwithstanding that, as at midnight on 3 October 2022, there were:

- 6,591 PTA.
- 9,413 new applications.

The Queensland Police Service is increasing staff to assist with the processing of PTA and Weapons License applications and reduce processing times. Additional resourcing has already delivered early results, and I note Graham Park, President of the Shooters Union of Australia, on 6 September 2022 said

"...we're starting to see a rapid improvement in the PTAs and in the license times. I think that will continue."