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**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked By: Mr Ed Cocks MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Government Services and Regulatory Reform

Redirection: Minister for Police and Crime Prevention

Reference: Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

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In relation to: Access Canberra (CMTEDD) and Occupational Licences for Security Trainers

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Answer Due date: 08/08/2024

Regarding occupational licences for security trainers, there are currently only four trainers holding a 1FC guard with a firearm for cash in transit licence. Under the Firearms Regulations 1997, S13 Category H Licences for employment require the licensee to pass an examination in the safe handling and use of a Category H firearm conducted by an "authorised instructor" annually.

- (1) What is the definition of "an authorised instructor" for the purpose of these regulations and where is the definition published?
- (2) Does the definition include instructors from sports shooters clubs who may not have specific skills in the security industry?

Mr Mick Gentleman MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) "Authorised instructor" is defined as 'a person authorised by the registrar under section 39 to give instruction in the use of firearms'. The definition is found in the Dictionary in the *Firearms Act 1996*. Section 39 provides:


**39 Authorised instructors and club members**

The registrar may, in writing, authorise—

- (a) a licensee to give instruction in the use of firearms if the licensee has completed an approved firearms training course; or
- (b) [relates to a member of an approved club selling ammunition]

- (2) The definition can include instructors from sports shooters clubs who may not have specific skills in the security industry, provided they have complied the relevant conditions in section 39.

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Signature: 

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By the Minister for Police and Crime Prevention, Mick Gentleman MLA