



Extracts of minutes of proceedings

Inquiry into the Legislation on proposed firearms reform

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 058* – Wednesday, 11 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

5. Bill referral – Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2025

- 5.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, reply to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into the bill.
- 5.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that public hearings are to be scheduled on 20 March 2026 and 13 April 2026, and the submission period to close on 6 March 2026.
- 5.3. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY], that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee seek an extension to the reporting date to 15 May 2026.
- 5.4. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to write to the Attorney-General encouraging a quick response to E-petition 002-26: Firearms Reform – Evidence Based Policy and Proper Consultation.
- 5.5. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to endorse the media release as amended.

13. Close

- 13.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.29 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 059* – Wednesday, 12 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus-Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA



1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 3.08 pm.

5. Inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026

5.1. The Secretary informed the Committee that the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services is unable to attend a public hearing on the Committee's originally scheduled date of 13 March. The Minister however indicated that she was available to appear before the Committee on 20 March 2026.

5.2. The Committee resolved to invite the Minister to appear before the Committee for a public hearing on 20 March 2026.

5.3. The Chair discussed whether the Committee should have an agreed set of words for the Chair to use during her media appearances during the inquiry.

5.4. The Committee noted advice from the Secretary with respect to media engagements by the Chair on behalf of the Committee.

8. Close

8.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 4.43 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 060* – Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

7. Inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026

7.1. The Committee noted the following outgoing correspondence:

7.1.1. Sent 11 February 2026, letter to the Speaker advising that the Committee has resolved to inquire into the bill.

7.2. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to endorse the draft motion seeking an extension to the reporting date.

7.3. The Committee agreed to the use of boosted social media and the use of webform submissions to promote the inquiry.



- 7.4. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to undertake a site visit to a gun club on the morning of Friday 6 March 2026 as part of the inquiry, and directed the Secretariat to make appropriate arrangements to organise the visit.
- 7.5. The Committee noted advice from the Secretary that under the Committee's resolution adopted at its first meeting, the Chair is authorised by the Committee to provide public briefings on matters related to an inquiry, but is not permitted to make party political comments, and must provide notice as soon as possible of any engagement.
- 7.6. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to adopt and send the draft letter to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services relating to *Petition 002-26: Firearms Reform – Evidence Based Policy and Proper Consultation*.

12. Close

- 12.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.37 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 062* – Wednesday, 4 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbins MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.02 am.

5. Inquiry into the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026

- 5.1. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to receive and publish the following submissions:
- 5.1.1.Submission 1: Simon Woolley
 - 5.1.2.Submission 2: Sam Whitehead
 - 5.1.3.Submission 3: CJ Adams
 - 5.1.4.Submission 4: Liam Shepherd
 - 5.1.5.Submission 5: Shooters Union Australia
 - 5.1.6.Submission 6: Ryan Shepherd
 - 5.1.7.Submission 7: Richard Wilde
 - 5.1.8.Submission 8: Declan Noack
 - 5.1.9.Submission 9: ACT Antique and Historical Arms
 - 5.1.10. Submission 11: Tristian Kennedy
 - 5.1.11. Submission 12: Australian Multicultural Network



- 5.1.12. Submission 13: George Watson
- 5.1.13. Submission 14: Paul Webster
- 5.1.14. Submission 15: John Bladen
- 5.1.15. Submission 17: Vincent Oldani
- 5.1.16. Submission 18: Sporting Shooters Pistol Club (ACT) Inc. The submission includes a possible method to get around the gun limit requirement.
- 5.1.17. Submission 19: Heinman Habitat
- 5.2. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to receive and publish with name withheld the following submissions:
 - 5.2.1.Submission 10: Michael Easton – name withheld requested
 - 5.2.2.Submission 16: Dr Rowan Stephenson – name withheld requested
- 5.3. The Committee noted the following outgoing correspondence:
 - 5.3.1.Sent 18 February 2026, letter to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services requesting that the government response to E-PET-002-26 be expedited in order to be considered as part of this inquiry.
- 5.4. The Committee noted the following incoming correspondence:
 - 5.4.1.Received 25 February 2025, response from the office of the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services agreeing to expedite the response to the petition.
- 5.5. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to grant ACT Policing a submission extension to Friday 10 April 2026, and that a similar extension be granted in request of other requests received.
- 5.6. The Committee deliberated on whether to attend the site visit planned for Friday 6 March 2026, or a Pollie v Press Shooting event at the same time brought to the Committee's attention by Mr Werner-Gibbings.
- 5.7. The Committee agreed to proceed with the planned site visit planned for Friday 6 March 2026.
- 5.8. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the letter to the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia ACT regarding the site visit be agreed to.

11. Close

- 11.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.03 pm.



Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 063* – Friday, 6 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 12 noon.

2. Site visit

- 2.1. The Committee met with Mr Craig Tregear (Deputy Vice President), Nicole Small (Secretary) and Kym Adams (Treasurer)
- 2.2. The Committee discussed the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 with the SSAA.

4. Close

- 4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 1.23 pm.
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Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 064* – Wednesday, 11 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03 am.

7. Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reforms

- 7.1. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to receive and publish the following submissions:

7.1.1. Submission 12.1 – Australian Multicultural Action Network

7.1.2. Submission 20: Canberra National Pistol Club

7.1.3. Submission 22: Geoff Taylor

7.1.4. Submission 23: Zachary McClenahan-Brown

7.1.5. Submission 24: National Rifle Association of Australia

7.1.6. Submission 25: Canberra Rifle Club

7.1.7. Submission 26: David McIntosh

7.1.8. Submission 27: ACT Pistol Association



7.1.9.Submission 28: Alan Skeates

7.1.10. Submission 30: Ross Carter

7.1.11. Submission 31: Steve Dingley

7.1.12. Submission 33: Callum Town

7.1.13. Submission 34: Jerry Leyland

7.1.14. Submission 35: Simon Miller

7.1.15. Submission 36: Richard McCullagh

7.1.16. Submission 37

7.1.17. Submission 38: Christopher Nipperess

7.1.18. Submission 39: David Carter

7.2. The Committee resolved **[BARRY]** to receive and publish the following submissions with the submitters name withheld:

7.2.1.Submission 21

7.2.2.Submission 29

7.2.3.Submission 32

7.2.4.Submission 41

7.2.5.Submission 42

7.3. The Committee agreed to the request from Andrew Holt to withdraw submission 40 and 40.1.

7.4. The Committee **resolved** **[RATTENBURY]** to agree to the motion to the extend the reporting date of the Firearms (Public Safety) Amendment Bill 2026 to 24 May 2026 and the updated 246A statement.

7.5. The Committee noted the following inwards correspondence:

7.5.1.Received 6 March 2026 email from the Sporting Shooters Association of the ACT inviting the committee to another site visit.

7.5.2.Received 5 March 2026, email from Scott Heiman regarding the proposed firearms legislation.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.24 am.



Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 065* – Friday, 20 March 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 1.15 pm.

3. Inquiry into Proposed Firearms legislative reforms

3.1. The Committee discussed timing for a further site visit to the SSAA ACT.

5. Close

5.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.02 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 066* – Wednesday, 1 April 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03 am.

6. Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reforms

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] agreed to receive and publish the following submissions:

6.1.1.Submission 43: Australian Recreation Union

6.1.2.Submission 45: Alannah and Madeline Foundation

6.1.3.Submission 45.1: Alannah and Madeline Foundation

6.1.4.Submission 46: Patrick Keogh

6.1.5.Submission 48: Rohan McCarthy

6.1.6.Submission 49: NSW Farmers

6.1.7.Submission 50: ACT Rural Landholders Association of Farmers

6.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submissions with the submitter's name withheld and redactions as requested:

6.2.1.Submission 44



6.2.2.Submission 47

6.2.3.Submission 51

6.3. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to publish submission 37 as 'name withheld'.

6.4. The Committee noted anonymous hard copy letter correspondence received.

6.5. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] that the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, write to the Speaker stating that the Committee has decided to inquire into E-petition 002-26: *Firearms Reform*, and to incorporate the inquiry into the Petition into the Committee's existing *Inquiry into Legislation on Proposed Firearms Reform*.

6.6. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to endorse the media release/alert and the draft 246A statement.

6.7. The Committee noted the summary of submissions received to date.

6.8. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that the Secretariat write to submitters to seek their availability to attend a possible public hearing on 21 and 22 April 2026.

6.9. The committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] that should a public hearing be held, opening statements may be tabled by witnesses.

6.10. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to write back to the Sporting Shooters Association ACT to advise them that Ms Barry's office will reschedule the Chair's visit to the Majura Park Gun Club.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.42 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 067* – Wednesday, 13 April 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 9.54 am.

6. Inquiry into Legislation proposed firearms reforms

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submissions:

6.1.1.Submission 52 - ACT Policing

6.1.2.Submission 52.2 – ACT Policing



- 6.1.3.Submission 54 – John Sankey
- 6.1.4.Submission 54.1 – John Sankey
- 6.1.5.Submission 55 – ACT Human Rights Commission
- 6.1.6.Submission 57 – Matt Neesham
- 6.1.7.Submission 60 – Paul Francis
- 6.1.8.Submission 61 – Biathlon Australia
- 6.1.9.Submission 62 – John Badman
- 6.1.10. Submission 63 – Canberra Multicultural Community Forum
- 6.1.11. Submission 65 – ACT Director of Public Prosecutions
- 6.1.12. Submission 66 – ACT Government
- 6.1.13. Submission 67 – Andrew Knight
- 6.1.14. Submission 69 – Sporting Shooters Association of Australia ACT
- 6.1.15. Submission 69.1 – Sporting Shooters Association of Australia ACT
- 6.1.16. Submission 24.1 – National Rifle Association of Australia
- 6.1.17. Submission 70 – Sporting Shooters Association of Australia
- 6.1.18. Submission 72 – Ian Coombes
- 6.1.19. Submission 72.1 – Ian Coombes
- 6.1.20. Submission 73 – Nicole Small
- 6.1.21. Submission 74 – Thomas Dukic
- 6.1.22. Submission 76 – Alexander Lever
- 6.1.23. Submission 77 – ACT Ombudsman
- 6.1.24. Submission 79 – Shooting Industry Foundation Australia
- 6.1.25. Submission 80 – the Australia Institute
- 6.1.26. Submission 81 – Ryan Hayward
- 6.1.27. Submission 82 – ACT Policing
- 6.1.28. Submission 83 – Richard Baxter
- 6.1.29. Submission 40 – Andrew Holt
- 6.1.30. Submission 86 – Kym Adams
- 6.1.31. Submission 87 – Phillip Nash
- 6.1.32. Submission 89 - Luc Olivier Marie Debaecker



6.2. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBBINGS] to receive and publish with name withheld the following submissions:

6.2.1.Submission 53

6.2.2.Submission 56

6.2.3.Submission 59

6.2.4.Submission 64

6.2.5.Submission 68

6.2.6.Submission 68.1

6.2.7.Submission 75

6.2.8.Submission 78

6.2.9.Submission 84

6.2.10. Submission 85

6.2.11. Submission 88

6.3. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBBINGS] to receive the following submissions on a confidential basis:

6.3.1.Submission 58

6.3.2.Submission 71

6.4. The Committee resolved the receive (but not publish) the following published reports from the Australia Institute as Exhibits 1 to 3:

6.4.1.Exhibit 1 - Gun Control in Australia: An update on firearms data and policies.

6.4.2.Exhibit 2 - The hole in Australia's gun laws: What counts as a genuine reason to own a gun?

6.4.3.Exhibit 3 - Firearm theft in Australia: Two decades of stolen guns.

6.5. The Committee noted it had received on 7 April 2026 an anonymous letter, which is an updated version of a previous anonymous letter.

6.6. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to hold a public hearing on 21 April 2026.

6.7. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBBINGS] to the invite the following witnesses to the public hearing:

6.7.1.Sporting Shooters' Association Australia ACT, National Rifle Association, Canberra Rifle Club (40 mins)

6.7.2.Biathlon Australia (20 mins)

6.7.3.NSW Farmers, ACT Rural Landholders Association of Farmers, Sean Adams (40 mins)



6.7.4. ACT Ombudsman, ACT Human Rights Commission (30 mins)

6.7.5. Alannah and Madelaine Foundation, The Australia Institute (40 mins)

6.7.6. Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, ACT Policing (60 mins)

6.8. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to agree to the draft invitation to the Minister for the public hearing.

6.9. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to adopt the draft media release.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11:28 am.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 068* – Tuesday, 21 April 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11:39 am.

2. Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform – public hearing

2.1. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Sporting Shooters Association of Australia ACT representatives:
 - Hon. Tom Kenyon, Chief Executive Officer, National Association
 - Ms Nicole Small, Secretary
- National Rifle Association of Australia
 - Mr Steve Negus, Chair of the Board
- Canberra Rifle Club
 - Mr Ross Williams, Club Captain

2.2. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.3. The Following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Mr David Windsor, Chair, Biathlon Australia, via Webex

2.4. Evidence completed, the witness withdrew.

2.5. The Chair suspended proceedings between 12.38 pm and 1.45 pm.

2.6. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:



- NSW Farmers representative:
 - Ms Elen Welch, Policy Director, via webex
 - Mr Garry Grant, Rural Affairs Committee Member and Executive Councillor
- ACT Rural Landholders Association of Farmers representative:
 - Mr Brian Blundell, Treasurer
- Sean Adams, ACT Rural Pest Services, personal capacity

2.7. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.8. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Alanna and Madeline Foundation representatives:
 - Ms Sarah Davies AM, Chief Executive Officer, via webex
- The Australia Institute representatives:
 - Dr Alice Grundy, Research Manager,
 - Ms Skye Predavec, Researcher
- Gun Control Australia representative:
 - Mr Roland Browne, Vice-President, via webex

2.9. Evidence Completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.10. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Mr Iain Anderson, ACT Ombudsman
- ACT Human Rights Commission officials:
 - Dr Penelope Mathew, president and Human Rights Commissioner
 - Ms Jane McCoscker, Human Rights Legal Advisor

2.11. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

2.12. The chair suspended proceedings between 4.43 pm and 5.00 pm

2.13. The following witnesses came to the table and were examined:

- Dr Marisa Paterson MLA, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- Justice and Community Safety Directorate officials:
 - Mr Daniel Ng, Deputy Director-General, Justice
 - Ms Claire Buxton, Executive Branch Manager, Legislation, Policy and Programs, Criminal Law Branch
- ACT Policing officials:



- Mr Scott Lee, Chief Police Officer
- Mr Richard Chin, Deputy Chief Police Officer
- Mr Richard Briener, Superintendent, Firearms
- Ms Emma Guo, Senior Team Leader, Legislation and Governance

2.14. Evidence completed, the witnesses withdrew.

4. Close

4.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 5.08 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 069* – Wednesday, 22 April 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.00 am.

6. Inquiry into legislation on proposed firearms reform

6.1. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to receive and publish the following submission with redactions as requested:

6.1.1.Submission 40 – name to be withheld

6.1.2.Submission 57 – name to be withheld

6.1.3.Submission 63 – Canberra Multi-cultural Community Forum

6.2. The Committee noted the following items of outwards correspondence:

6.2.1.Sent 14 April 2026 – Letter to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services inviting the Minister to attend the public hearing.

6.2.2.Sent 14 April 2026 – Letter to the ACT Human Rights Commission inviting them to attend the public hearing.

6.2.3.Sent April 14 2026 – Letter to the ACT Ombudsman inviting the Ombudsman to attend the public hearing.

6.3. The Committee noted the following items of inwards correspondence:

6.3.1.Received 15 April 2026 – email request from Mr Jerry Leyland to provide a supplementary submission to the inquiry. Attached was correspondence Mr Leyland has received from the Chief Minister in relation to the inquiry.



6.3.1.1. The Committee noted advice from the Secretariat that Mr Leyland had already sent through his supplementary submission.

6.4. The Committee agreed to hold no further public hearings for the inquiry.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 12.31 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 070* – Wednesday, 29 April 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.05 am.

5. Inquiry into legislation on proposed firearms reform

5.1. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to receive and publish the following submission:

5.1.1.Submission 34.1 – Jerry Leyland

5.2. The Committee noted the following items of inward correspondence:

5.2.1.Received 20 April 2026, letter from Mr Andrew Kyburz, Secretary of the SACT Antique and Historical Arms Association in relation to correspondence between him and the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

5.2.2.Received 22 April 2026 – correspondence from Gun Control Australia providing further evidence following the public hearing on 21 April 2026.

5.3. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to publish the correspondence from Gun Control Australia.

9. Close

9.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 11.44 am.



Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 071* – Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 11.03 am.

4. Inquiry into Legislation on proposed firearms reform – report consideration

4.1. The Committee considered the following incoming correspondence:

4.1.1. Letter received 4 May 2026 from the Australia Institute answering a Question Taken on Notice at the public hearing on 21 April 2026

4.1.2. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] to receive and publish the correspondence from the Australia Institute.

4.1.3. The Committee noted an email from Max Blenkin regarding evidence given by the Australia Institute at the public hearing on 21 April 2026.

4.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by exception.

4.4. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

4.5. Insert a new 'conduct of the inquiry section' after paragraph 1.51
Paragraphs 2.19 to 2.21 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 1 – deleted

Recommendation 3 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.47 – amended and agreed to

Insert finding before Recommendation 4

Recommendation 4 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.51 – amended and agreed to

Insert finding before recommendation 5

Recommendation 5 – amended and agreed to

Paragraphs 2.105 to 2.106 – deleted

Recommendation 6 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 7 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 9 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 10 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 3.21 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 3.22 – deleted

Recommendation 11 – deleted

Recommendation 12 – amended and agreed to



Recommendation 13 – amended and agreed to.

Appendix A – agreed to

Appendix B – agreed to

Appendix C – agreed to

Appendix D – agreed to.

4.6. The Committee deferred final consideration of the report to a future meeting.

10. Close

10.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 1.02 pm.

Extract from *Minutes of Meeting 072*– Friday, 15 May 2026

Members present: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA (Chair), Mr Taimus Werner-Gibbings MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

1. Commencement

1.1. The Chair opened the meeting at 2.01 pm.

4. Inquiry into legislation on proposed firearms reforms – report consideration

4.1. The Committee noted that the Chair's draft report was circulated on 14 May 2026.

4.2. No Member submitted an alternative draft report.

4.3. The Committee agreed to consider the report by exception.

4.4. The Committee deliberated on the report as follows:

Paragraph 1.2 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 1.23 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.14 – amended and agreed to

Recommendation 1 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.41 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.47 – amended and agreed to

Finding 2 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.89 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.97 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.112 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.117 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.120 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.123 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.513 - amended and agreed to

Paragraph 2.157 – agreed to

Paragraphs 2.160 to 2.162 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 3.4 – amended and agreed to

Paragraph 3.12 – amended and agreed to



Paragraph 3.22 - amended and agreed to.

- 4.5. The Committee **resolved** [BARRY] to adopt the report, as amended.
- 4.6. The Committee **resolved** [RATTENBURY] that the Secretary be authorised to make minor formatting and typographical changes to the report to prepare it for printing, after its adoption by the Committee but prior to its presentation.
- 4.7. Noting that the Act order of the Assembly requires the inquiry to be concluded by 24 May 2026, the Committee agreed to circulate the report through the Speaker when the Assembly is not sitting on 21 May 2026.
- 4.8. The Committee noted that dissenting reports, if any, are to be provided to the Secretariat at least a day before circulation through the Speaker. Dissenting reports are not circulated to Members prior to this.
- 4.9. The Committee noted that the Chair must table the report in the Assembly on the next sitting day, which occurs on 26 May.
- 4.10. The Committee deliberated on speaking time for the report in the Assembly.
- 4.11. The Committee agreed that the Chair would move that the report be noted.
- 4.12. The Committee deliberated on the draft media release. The Committee **resolved** [WERNER-GIBBINGS] to adopt the media release.

9. Close

- 9.1. The Chair closed the meeting at 2.24 pm.
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All minutes are signed by the Chair, except for Meeting 72, which is certified correct by the secretary.

[CERTIFIED CORRECT]

James Bunce
Committee Secretary
22 May 2026

