

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Firearms licences

Mr Wood to Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Minister, under Section 8A of the *Firearms Act* it says:

The Commissioner must refuse to grant a licence if the Commissioner is of the opinion, having regard to any criminal intelligence report or other criminal information the Commissioner holds about the applicant or representative, that -

- (a) the applicant or representative is a risk to public safety; and*
- (b) the grant of the licence would be contrary to the public interest.*

and under Section (8B)

The Commissioner is not, under this or any other Act or law, required to give reasons for refusing to grant a licence on the grounds referred to in subsection (8A).

1. What protection is available to a person under Section (8A) of the Act who thinks they have been unfairly dealt with.
 2. Why shouldn't a person have the right to be told what were the reasons used to reject their application for a licence.
 3. What safeguards are in place to make sure Section (8A) is not abused.
 4. Isn't Section (8A) depriving a person of natural justice.
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