



Summary of the Firearms Community Advisory Forum Meeting: Thursday 3 December 2015

THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING WERE CONFIRMED

NATIONAL MULTIAGENCY FIREARMS WORKING GROUP (NMFWG): POLICE, CUSTOMS, MFAT AND INTERNAL AFFAIRS HAVE ESTABLISHED A WORKING GROUP TO LOOK AT PROMOTING CONSISTENT DECISION MAKING AND DELIVERY OF CONNECTED, COST EFFECTIVE FIREARMS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SERVICES ACROSS GOVERNMENT. THERE WILL BE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT. THE FIVE WORKSTREAMS ARE: PEOPLE, PROCESSES, SYSTEMS, ENVIRONMENT AND ALIGNMENT.

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON FIREARM ISSUES: THE MAJORITY OF THE ISSUES COVERED IN THE DISCUSSION DOCUMENT TABLED WERE COVERED IN THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSION AND WILL BE LOOKED AT UNDER VARIOUS WORKSTREAMS OF THE NMFWG. THE REVENUE COLLECTED FROM FIREARMS LICENCES AND ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 2012/13 YEAR WAS \$3,103,723 AND FOR 2014/15 WAS \$4,226,946. SPENDING DISTRIBUTION IS TO BE ANALYSED AS PART OF THE NMFWG.

INTERNET FIREARMS SALES: POLICE HAS CREATED A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE CHANGE BY MAKING IT A REQUIREMENT THAT THE SIGNED 43A FORM THAT IS FILLED OUT BY THE PURCHASER AND COUNTERSIGNED BY POLICE IS TO BE SENT DIRECTLY FROM POLICE TO THE SELLER.

UPDATE ON MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL REVIEW: THE MSC UNDERTOOK A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ITS OPERATIONS FOCUSED ON INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS AND RELEVANCE IN RELATION TO OUTDOOR SAFETY. MSC CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE STILL DELIVERING FIREARMS SAFETY TRAINING (AS PER AGREEMENT WITH POLICE) AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY HAS NOT WAVERED. MSC CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS COMMITTED TO RESOLVING THE CURRENT CONCERNS.

FIREARMS OUTDOOR SAFETY REVIEW (MINISTER DUNNE): THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE REVIEW HAVE BEEN CONSULTED WITH STAKEHOLDER GROUPS. PART OF THE POLICE SUBMISSION WAS THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON 'SAFE PRACTICES WITH FIREARMS FOR HUNTERS AND ILLEGAL HUNTING WITH FIREARMS'.

UPDATE ON FIREARMS LEGISLATION: POLICE WILL BE REQUESTING THE MINISTER'S DECISION IN THE NEW YEAR ON HOW SHE WANTS THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS TO OCCUR, EITHER A CABINET PAPER OR A PUBLIC DISCUSSION DOCUMENT. FIREARM PROHIBITION ORDERS ARE TO BE PROGRESSED THROUGH A SEPARATE BILL.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN: CHAIR REMINDED EVERYONE OF CHATHAM HOUSE RULES AND CONFIRMED THAT CLARIFICATION OF ANYTHING SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO POLICE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

OTHER BUSINESS: ANY CONCERNS REGARDING HOW ENDORSEMENT APPLICATIONS ON THE POL67X FORM ARE BEING HANDLED SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE FIREARMS GROUP AT POLICE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS WELLINGTON. HOW TO GET INFORMATION OUT ON STOLEN GUNS WAS DISCUSSED AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A GENERIC EMAIL ADDRESS BE SET UP WITH POLICE THROUGH THE POLICE WEBSITE. THE PROCESS FOR SURRENDERING FIREARMS AND KNOWLEDGE AROUND THIS PROCESS IN THE EVENT OF A DEATH OF A FIREARMS LICENCE HOLDER WILL BE LOOKED AT BY THE NMFWG. THE WILDLIFE (POWERS) AMENDMENT BILL WAS INTRODUCED ON 2 DECEMBER AND POLICE HAS UNDERTAKEN TO CLARIFY WHETHER THERE IS AN ISSUE OF DOC RANGERS SEIZING FIREARMS WHEN THEY DO NOT HOLD A FIREARMS LICENCE. A FURTHER DISCUSSION DOCUMENT WAS TABLED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT MEETING.