Thank you, Mr Speaker. I would like to commend the Hon Member who made the Statement for having made a very critical Statement. It is a fact that most of the times, we hear of the reckless use of firearms by some personnel of the Ghana Police Service, and it is obvious that, if the police have been well trained, we would not have such situations.

It is in this direction that it is very crucial the authorities of the Ghana Police Service would ensure that they give the necessary training to their men and women, so that in situations of crowd control, we would not have cases of reckless warning shots — situations that would lead to what has been painted by the Hon Member for Kumbungu, who made the Statement.

Mr Speaker, we have had several situations in this country, not only what happened in his constituency or what the Hon Member on the other side of the House talked about, but even to the extent that guns are now in the hands of people who ought not to have them. Recently, we got a report on how a young man who was a student of Achimota School, wanting to display and prove to a colleague student in his home that his father owned a firearm, accidentally shot the young lady.

Mr Speaker, we also have situations where land guards are in the possession of firearms, some unregistered, and these are used to create lawlessness in this country often times. Mr Speaker, not too long ago, after the very peaceful elections that we had in this country, reports abound that rampaging young men, excited about a victorious electoral process, were moving round the country, wielding guns and all kinds of weapons, creating mayhem in this country and in the process, people got injured, some close to the peril of their lives.

Mr Speaker, as much as we are worried about the Security Services’ reckless use of firearms, we must also be very concerned about a growing trend which is very dangerous, where people who are not supposed to be in possession of firearms, have them in abundance. Therefore, as we admonish the Security Services, especially the Ghana Police Service, we must also ensure as a House of Legislature that —

Mr Speaker, thank you so much. I thank the Hon Deputy Majority Leader for — Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr Speaker, further to the issue that was raised in relation to firearms — it becomes pertinent that we look at it from a holistic perspective, where firearms would not become a danger to the lives of the people of Ghana. The Hon Member who made the Statement has indicated that, indeed, there is the need for the Police Administration or authorities to actually put in place the necessary measures to ensure that their men do not recklessly use firearms which would lead to loss of lives of members of our Ghanaian society.
Mr Speaker, in the same vein, it would also be very pertinent, crucial and important that we extend the same argument to the use of firearms by any individual in this country, as long as that threatens the life of any individual or any member of our society or community. Mr Speaker, it is in this light that I say it is becoming very worrying and disturbing, that all manner of people now have in their possession firearms that are recklessly used, and that leads to the unfortunate loss of lives of other individuals.

Mr Speaker, I would crave the indulgence of this Honourable House, that we ensure that necessary measures and efforts that ought to be made are made to ensure that people who do not need to possess firearms do not have them in their possession.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.