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Our Ref: 26-1387
Your Ref: 22527801
Telephone: 8207 5590



Re: Freedom of Information Act application

In reference to your application made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (FOI Act), access was sought to:

"I am requesting the following data: - Number of Firearms Licence applications awaiting processing as at November 12, 2025, and the months/years the earliest application still awaiting processing was lodged – Number of Firearms Licence renewal applications awaiting processing as at November 12, 2025, and the months/years the earliest application still awaiting processing was lodged - Number of firearms Permits To Acquire awaiting processing as at November 12, 2025, broken down by firearms category (A, B, C, H, etc), and the months/years the earliest application still awaiting processing was lodged - Number of Firearms licence applications processed since January 1, 2025 - Number of Firearms Licence renewal applications processed since January 1, 2025 - Number of firearms Permits To Acquire processed since January 1, 2025, broken down by firearms category (A, B, C, H, etc) from 1/01/2025 to 12/11/2025".

Under the FOI Act, agencies are required to respond to FOI requests within 30 days. As South Australia Police (SAPOL) did not respond within this statutory timeframe, your application is deemed to have been refused. Despite this, I have determined to proceed with processing your request as though the response was provided within the required time frame.



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South Australia Police (SAPOL) has located information that falls within the scope of your request and has agreed to **release the information to you in full**:

Firearms Information as of 14 November 2025:			
Type	No. awaiting processing	Oldest	2025 YTD Processed
New Application for Firearms Licence	1,792	17/02/2025	1,608
Renewal of an Existing Firearms Licence	4,195	06/05/2025	16,259
Permits to Acquire	2,192	19/09/2025	15,678

Please note: The data on 'Permits to Acquire a Firearm' cannot be further categorised, as the computer system used to record and track such applications does not contain firearm category data. Accordingly, no document exists in response to this aspect of your application.

Disclosure Log

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and any documents or information to which you are given access will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at: https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/20818/PC045-Disclosure-Logs.pdf.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by 2 February 2026.

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

31 December 2025