



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

Your Ref:
Our Ref: 18-1246
Enquiries:
Telephone: 7322 3347
Facsimile: 7322 4180

The Chairperson
Gun Control Australia (Inc)
PO Box 254
NEWTOWN NSW 2042

Dear Ms Lee

Re: Freedom of Information Act application.

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

"Previous letter sent amendment, stolen firearm stats for financial years: 2012/13, 2015/16 & 2016/17."

It is determined to **release in full** the number and category of firearms recorded as stolen for the financial years of 2012/13, 2015/16 and 2016/17. This data has been presented in tables below.

2012/2013

Stolen Firearms - A Class	174
Stolen Firearms - B Class	51
Stolen Firearms - C Class	5
Stolen Firearms - D Class	2
Stolen Firearms - H Class	21
Stolen Firearms - Imitation	0
Stolen Firearms - Prescribed	0
Stolen Firearms - Class Unknown	0
Count Check (Total)	253

2015/2016

Stolen Firearms - A Class	172
Stolen Firearms - B Class	51
Stolen Firearms - C Class	7
Stolen Firearms - D Class	0
Stolen Firearms - H Class	44
Stolen Firearms - Imitation	0
Stolen Firearms - Prescribed	0
Stolen Firearms - Class Unknown	0
Count Check (Total)	274

2016/2017

Stolen Firearms - A Class	88
Stolen Firearms - B Class	38
Stolen Firearms - C Class	5
Stolen Firearms - D Class	0
Stolen Firearms - H Class	3
Stolen Firearms - Imitation	0
Stolen Firearms - Prescribed	0
Stolen Firearms - Class Unknown	0
Total	134

It is pointed out that the interpretation of Category (class) of firearm is in accordance with the *Firearms Act 1977* which states:

“class A firearms means—

- (a) air rifles, air guns and paint-ball firearms; and
 - (b) .22 rim fire rifles (not being self-loading rifles); and
 - (c) single or double barrel shotguns (not being self-loading or pump action shotguns),
- and includes receivers of firearms defined as class A firearms by a preceding paragraph;

class B firearms means—

- (a) muzzle loading firearms (not being handguns); and
 - (b) revolving chamber rifles; and
 - (c) centre fire rifles (not being self-loading centre fire rifles); and
 - (ca) double barrel centre fire rifles that are not designed to hold additional rounds in a magazine; and
 - (d) break action combination shotguns and rifles; and
 - (e) all other firearms (not being prescribed firearms, handguns, self-loading firearms or pump action shotguns) that are not class A firearms,
- and includes receivers of firearms defined as class B firearms by a preceding paragraph;

class C firearms means—

- (a) self-loading rim fire rifles having a magazine capacity of 10 rounds or less; and

(b) self-loading shotguns having a magazine capacity of five rounds or less; and
(c) pump action shotguns having a magazine capacity of five rounds or less,
and includes receivers of firearms defined as class C firearms by a preceding
paragraph but does not include revolving chamber rifles or receivers of revolving
chamber rifles;

class D firearms means—

(a) self-loading rim fire rifles having a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds;
and
(b) self-loading centre fire rifles; and
(c) self-loading shotguns having a magazine capacity of more than five rounds; and
(d) pump action shotguns having a magazine capacity of more than five rounds,
and includes receivers of firearms defined as class D firearms by a preceding
paragraph but does not include revolving chamber rifles or receivers of revolving
chamber rifles;

class H firearms means handguns;”

In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>. If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing before **13 March 2018**.

Your rights to review and appeal

If you are dissatisfied with the determination for access to SAPOL records, you are entitled to exercise your right of internal review in accordance with section 29(1) of the FOI Act by completing a PD362 Application for Internal Review form which can be downloaded from <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/services-and-events/freedom-of-information> or available upon request at your nearest police station. Alternatively an application may be made in writing to the SAPOL Freedom of Information Unit. This application must be lodged within 30 days from the date of this determination with a fee of \$34.25. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,



Senior Sergeant Tracy Gentgall
Officer in Charge
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

19 February 2018

