



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
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Dear 

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

I refer to your application made pursuant to the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 1991 in which access was sought to the following information:

"I am requesting (on behalf of my organisation RM Consulting Group) the total number of firearm licence holders for the genuine reasons of:

1. *Shooting Club*
2. *Target Shooting*
3. *Hunting.*

Please provide data for each genuine reason. We are (sic) only require the total number for each category. No personal information is necessary.

RMCG have been engaged by the Federal Department of Health to undertake a study on the economic and social benefits of recreational hunting and shooting. This data will provide us with the total population of recreational hunters/ shooters for South Australia and will be used in our economic analysis to scale up our survey results."

It is determined to **release in full** the statistics for the number of firearm licences and the reasons for the licence. This data is contained within the table below and was correct as at 1 January 2019.

Please note:

- Using the reporting data that is available, South Australia Police (SAPOL) can provide the number of current firearms licences with a particular Licence Category against a Firearm Category eg: CAT 1 Shooting Club for Firearm Category A
- The data will count the number of times a category is flagged against a current licence
- As a licence can have more than one licence category and firearm category, the count is not a true indication of the number of licences, rather a count of the licence category and firearm category



| | Licence Cat 1 | Licence Cat 2 | Licence Cat 3 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Firearm Cat A | 6055 | 44121 | 56264 |
| Firearm Cat B | 4531 | 42342 | 53479 |
| Firearm Cat C | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| Firearm Cat D | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Firearm Cat H | 3438 | 0 | 0 |
| Firearm Cat Z | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Firearm Cat P | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Legend | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Licence Cat 1 | Shooting Club |
| Licence Cat 2 | Target Shooting |
| Licence Cat 3 | Hunting |

Categories and types of firearms

Firearms are divided into the following categories for the purposes of this Act:

category A firearms consisting of the following:

- air guns;
- paint-ball firearms;
- rim fire rifles (not being self-loading rifles);
- shotguns (not being self-loading or pump action shotguns);
- break action combination shotguns and rim fire rifles;

category B firearms consisting of the following:

- muzzle loading firearms (not being handguns);
- revolving chamber rifles;
- centre fire rifles (not being self-loading centre fire rifles);
- multiple barrel centre fire rifles that are not designed to hold additional rounds in a magazine;
- break action combination shotguns and rifles (not being break action combination shotguns and rim fire rifles);
- all other firearms (not being prescribed firearms, handguns, self-loading firearms or pump action shotguns) that are not category A firearms;

category C firearms consisting of the following:

- self-loading rim fire rifles having a magazine capacity of 10 rounds or less;
- self-loading shotguns having a magazine capacity of 5 rounds or less;
- pump action shotguns having a magazine capacity of 5 rounds or less;

category D firearms consisting of the following:

- self-loading rim fire rifles having a magazine capacity of more than 10 rounds;
- self-loading centre fire rifles;
- self-loading shotguns having a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds;
- pump action shotguns having a magazine capacity of more than 5 rounds;

category H firearms consisting of handguns (not being prescribed firearms);

prescribed firearms consisting of the following:

- automatic firearms;
- mortars, bazookas, rocket propelled grenades and similar military firearms designed to fire explosive projectiles;
- firearms designed to fire projectiles containing tear gas or any other lachrymatory

substance or any nauseating substance or poison (but not firearms designed to tranquillise, immobilise or administer vaccines or other medicines to animals);

- firearms designed to have the appearance of other objects;

category Z firearms: Ammunition;

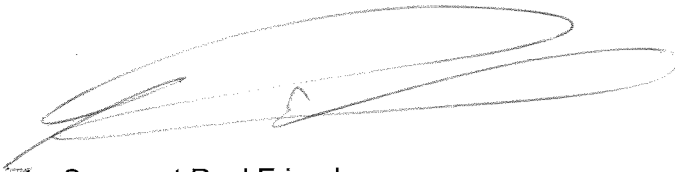
In accordance with the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular PC045, details of your FOI application, and the documents to which you are given access, will be published on the SAPOL website Disclosure Log. A copy of PC045 can be found at <http://dpc.sa.gov.au/what-we-do/services-for-government/premier-and-cabinet-circulars>.

If you disagree with publication, please advise the undersigned in writing by **6 February 2019**.

Your rights to review

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 \$35.00. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,



Sergeant Paul Friend
Freedom of Information Unit
(Accredited Freedom of Information Officer)

11th January 2019

