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Dear Mr Odenwalder

Re: Freedom of Information Act application

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

"Any and all data, documents and internal correspondence (including, but not limited to, emails, minutes, briefings, letters and notes) regarding: The number of registered firearms that have been stolen, lost or otherwise reported missing in SA between July 2010 and June 2020, broken down into individual years The number of each type or category of firearm that has been reported missing Any other information regarding the nature of the theft or loss of firearms (eg are there particular locations, postcodes, or industries that are more affected). Timeframe 1/07/2010 – 1/06/2020"

On 7 October 2020 Sergeant Watson spoke with [REDACTED] of your office to clarify the scope of your request. In an email dated 12 October 2020 [REDACTED] refined the scope to seeking access to:

"Statistical data regarding the number of registered firearms that have been stolen, lost or otherwise reported missing in SA between July 2010 and June 2020, broken down into financial years. The number of each type or category of firearm that has been reported missing."

In relation to the following part of your request:

"...Statistical data regarding the number of registered firearms that have been stolen, lost or otherwise reported missing in SA between July 2010 and June 2020, broken down into financial years..."

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within this part of your request and has been presented in tables below.

Financial Year	Stolen	Lost
01/07/2010 – 30/06/2011	262	46
01/07/2011 – 30/06/2012	273	31
01/07/2012 – 30/06/2013	255	37
01/07/2013 – 30/06/2014	263	15
01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015	262	25
01/07/2015 – 30/06/2016	274	21
01/07/2016 – 30/06/2017	139	15
01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	198	21
01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019	178	14
01/07/2019 – 30/06/2020	121	12

Please note that a missing firearm is a firearm that is not recorded as either lost or stolen and the owner has satisfied Firearms Branch that the firearm is missing. The system does not provide a historical record of missing firearms. The summary provided is the number of firearms which, as at 13 October 2020 remain missing as recorded in a particular financial year.

Financial Year	Missing
01/07/2010 – 30/06/2011	799
01/07/2011 – 30/06/2012	583
01/07/2012 – 30/06/2013	622
01/07/2013 – 30/06/2014	425
01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015	593
01/07/2015 – 30/06/2016	438
01/07/2016 – 30/06/2017	479
01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	542
01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019	496
01/07/2019 – 30/06/2020	581

In relation to the following part of your request:

“...The number of each type of category of firearm that has been reported missing.”

It is determined to **release in full** data that falls within this part of your request. The data has been presented in the table below and was correct as at 13 October 2020.

Financial Year	A Class	B Class	C Class	D Class	H Class	Total
01/07/2010 – 30/06/2011	576	190	6	12	15	799
01/07/2011 – 30/06/2012	449	107	5	4	18	583
01/07/2012 – 30/06/2013	454	149	5	3	11	622
01/07/2013 – 30/06/2014	329	85	2	4	5	425
01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015	471	108	4	2	8	593
01/07/2015 – 30/06/2016	341	93	0	2	2	438
01/07/2016 – 30/06/2017	365	95	7	4	8	479
01/07/2017 – 30/06/2018	431	88	2	0	21	542
01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019	394	91	1	2	8	496
01/07/2019 – 30/06/2020	426	128	8	5	14	581


This determination was made on 2 November 2020.

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 **4 December 2020**.

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 \$36.75. Such a fee may be waived in the event of an exemption being claimed.

Yours sincerely,



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12 November 2020