

Response to Recommendations – Public Accounts Committee

Recommendation 1

That the Minister for Police report as to the:

- number of unlicensed firearms owner currently outstanding; and
- number of unlicensed firearms currently outstanding.

For each of the above, the report should:

- be based on the number of unlicensed firearms and unlicensed firearms owners at 1 January 2012; and
- distinguish between firearms owners and firearms which became unlicensed prior to and post the completion of the firearms stabilisation project in May 2011.

Answer:

1. Expired - Unresolved Licences prior to 1st May 2011

Licence Type	Licences	Firearms
COLLECTOR LICENCE	224	417
CORPORATE LICENCE	28	316
DEALERS LICENCE	21	496
FIREARM LICENCE	2365	4105
MANUFACTURERS LICENCE	1	3
Total	2639	5337

2. Expired - Unresolved Licences between 1st May 2011 and 1st Jan 2012 (inclusive)

Licence Type	Licences	Firearms
COLLECTOR LICENCE	2	17
DEALERS LICENCE	1	11
FIREARM LICENCE	5	14
Total	8	42

3. Expired - Unresolved Licences as at 1st Jan 2012 (inclusive)

Licence Type	Licences	Firearms
COLLECTOR LICENCE	226	434
CORPORATE LICENCE	28	316
DEALERS LICENCE	22	507
FIREARM LICENCE	2370	4119
MANUFACTURERS LICENCE	1	3
Total	2647	5379

Caveats:

*Statistics are provisional and subject to revision
Data extracted from Firearms Registry System on 09-Jan-2012
Data includes licences which have a status "Expired - Unresolved" and firearms which are "Licenced"*

Recommendation 2

That the Minister for Police provide:

- An estimate for the accuracy of the information contained in the Firearms System following the completion of the firearms stabilisation project; and
- Information regarding the availability of the Firearms System, including the number of hours during the preceding month in which the system was unavailable.

Answer:

Information Accuracy

The accuracy measure from a technical perspective is reflected in the reduction in the tasks received to fix data within the system. WA Police have invested in the development of business user capability to find and correct errors in data records. Where a data fix is required these requests are addressed by specific programs. The number of data fix calls raised has decreased from 215 requests in 2010 to 135 requests in 2011, a reduction of approximately 38%

Firearms Systems Availability

In the month of November 2011 there were no recorded planned or unplanned outages. For the period from January 2010 – December 2011 there has only been 1 unplanned outage for a total of 1hr and 10 minutes. For the same period there have been a small number of technical incidents which have been tracked which did not result in any loss of service due to the levels of resilience built into the existing system

WA Police consider the systems to be performing to meet service delivery and availability requirements