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Mr Malcolm Lock

By Email: [fyi-request-7273-656c8df4@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-7273-656c8df4@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Lock,

Thank you for your email dated 14 February 2018 in which you requested details of how many firearms were legally imported for the last five years. You have requested these details to be listed by year and category of firearm.

The request has been treated as a request for information under the Official Information Act 1982.

Please find attached a document that provides you with information that Customs holds on the number of firearms legally imported into New Zealand from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2017. These numbers only include those firearms imported into New Zealand where the importer is required to declare the quantity.

Please note that it is not necessary for an importer to declare the quantity of some types of firearms at the time of importation, for example pistols and revolvers, therefore Customs does not record this information. Customs also does not record information on importations of firearms where no import entry is required, for example passenger's firearms.

If you have any queries in regard to this response, please contact the Correspondence, Reviews and Ministerial Servicing team at: [OIA@customs.govt.nz](mailto:OIA@customs.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,

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