

**Question on Notice  
No. 1060  
Asked on 28 September 2004**

MR HAYWARD asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Firearms Amnesty which commenced on 1 July 2004-

Will she provide figures on the number of guns which have been surrendered or registered in the Metro North and the North Coast Police Regions so far?

ANSWER:

The firearms amnesty is being held in Queensland to allow people to surrender illegal or unwanted firearms without penalty.

While the public will not be compensated for their weapons, under the terms of the amnesty, people will not be prosecuted for possessing firearms illegally if they surrender those firearms to police.

The amnesty also gives people the chance to register an unlicensed firearm onto their weapon's licence, subject to holding the appropriate licence conditions.

For the period 1 July to 30 September 2004, in the Metropolitan North Police Region 96 firearms have been surrendered and 106 firearms registered.

In the North Coast Police Region, 179 firearms have been surrendered and 350 firearms registered.

A dedicated hotline has been set up to provide information about the amnesty. The Firearms Amnesty Information Line 1300 789 440 will operate from 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday until the end of the amnesty.

During the six-month amnesty, illegal firearms can be surrendered to any Queensland Police Station and firearms can be handed in anonymously.

The firearm amnesty will run until December 31.