

Question on Notice
No. 808
Asked on 11 August 2020

MR PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as at 30 June for each year from 2012 to 2019 for Gympie and Queensland (broken down by region and/or police district) (a) how many weapons licence holders there were, (b) the number of licenced firearms owners (reported separately by category of weapons licence A, B, C, D, E, H, M and R) and (c) the number of registered firearms (reported separately by category of weapon A, B, C, D, E, H, M and R)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that police records relating to weapons licences and firearms are held in operational information management systems, which are used for the recording of individual entities rather than for the extraction of large volumes of data at a time. Further, the QPS has advised that the changes in police boundaries across police regions and districts over the stated period increases the complexity of extracting data for comparison purposes. As such the QPS has advised that any data provided would not be an accurate representation of the information sought by the Member.

Further, from a statistical perspective, it is unclear what is meant by “Gympie”. In this instance, there are many possible interpretations, including: Gympie Police Division, Gympie electorate, the town of Gympie, the Gympie Local Government Area or some other “Gympie” geographical area.