

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 918**  
**Asked on 22 August 2023**

**MR R KATTER** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the use of illegal firearms by criminals in Queensland— Will the Minister advise (a) how many illegal firearms being used during criminal activity were seized between 2018 and 2022 and (b) how many of these illegal firearms were registered, and how many of them were unregistered?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that in relation to the member's question:

- (a) From 2018 – 2022, a total of 10,341 firearms were seized by police in Queensland. I am further advised by the QPS that a manual search would be required of every occurrence within the QPS systems to identify which were illegal firearms used in a criminal activity and this is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of resources at this time.
- (b) The QPS would normally consider that an illegal firearm is one which is not registered. I am further advised by the QPS that a manual search of every occurrence in respect of the seized firearms referred to in part (a) would be required to determine if that firearm had previously been registered and this is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of resources at this time.