

7 May 2025

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Tēnā koe s.9(2)(a) OIA

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request dated 30 April 2025, transferred from the Office of the Associate Minister of Justice (Firearms). You asked for:

*Any update from the Firearms Safety Authority on its estimate of civilian-held firearms in New Zealand*

Please see the below link where you will find “Civilian held firearms in New Zealand” under the subheading “Delivery and performance summary”. I refer you to the document titled “Estimation of Civilian-Held Firearms in New Zealand”, page three under the sub heading titled “Conclusion”, where it states, “the estimate of lawfully imported civilian held firearms between 1880 and 2024 is 1,577,553. If we were to consider 1% depreciation rate, the estimation would be 1,561,777 (Table 1)”.

<https://www.firearmssafetyauthority.govt.nz/news-and-publications/reports-and-publications>

This report is completed and there are no further updates, therefore the part of your request for 2025 data to-date is refused under section 18(e) of the OIA as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review this decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Nāku noa, nā



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