



Airdrie, Alberta
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OPEN LETTER #3 TO SENATORS

Re: A THOUSAND GUNS REPORTED LOST BY OR STOLEN FROM POLICE AND THE MILITARY

A month ago, [Public Safety Canada admitted that they have no records](#) on the sources of stolen guns. This lack of 'evidence' doesn't stop the Minister of Public Safety or the newly minted Minister of Organized Crime and Border Security from only mentioning lawful gun owners and firearms businesses as the source of stolen crime guns. Supplementing this ignorance of the 'evidence' in the hands of their own government, the media writes articles almost exclusively on guns stolen from lawful gun owners and businesses; even though I routinely send reporters and their employers the links with the evidence included in this letter.

Here is a summary of 'evidence' the Minister's fail to acknowledge even though the statistics I obtained by Access to Information comes from the RCMP and the Department of National Defence (see links below).

- 11 Firearms Stolen from the RCMP (January 1, 2005 to June 3, 2015)
 - 10 handguns, 1 gas gun
- 114 Firearms Lost by the RCMP (January 1, 2005 to June 3, 2015)
 - 45 handguns, 26 shotguns, 16 rifles, 1 sub-machine gun, 1 gas gun, 24 Tasers
- 15 Firearms Stolen from the Dept. of National Defence (2008 to 2018)
- 559 Firearms Lost by the Dept. of National Defence (2008 to 2018)
- 316 Firearms Lost by or Stolen from other Police Services in Canada (September 21, 2011)

One would think it should be easy to obtain updated numbers from the RCMP on these lost and stolen firearms - it is not. Here is a chronology of my attempts to do so over the last twenty months:

- **April 1, 2017** – MY ATIP FILE 151- RCMP – [POLICE REPORTED LOST, MISSING, STOLEN FIREARMS](#) - RCMP ATIP FILE: A-2017-03711
- **July 18, 2017** – Received goofy NO RECORDS reply dated July 11, 2017
- **July 18, 2017** - [Filed complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner](#)
- **August 11, 2017** – Info Comm letter: Investigator to be assigned within next six months.
- **November 27, 2018** – Sent e-mail to Information Commissioner requesting a progress report
- **November 28, 2018** – E-mail response from the Office of the Information Commissioner, “*An investigator has not yet been assigned to your file 3217-00757 – A-2017-03711 against the RCMP. Once assigned, the investigator will contact you.*”

Thereby, making a mockery of Justin Trudeau's promises that his government would be '[Open and Transparent](#)' and that his policies and programs would be '[evidence-based](#)'. Minister's Goodale and Blair should provide Senators with an updated report from the RCMP on guns lost by or stolen from the police.

This link includes a small part of [my accumulated research on Canada's gun control regime](#) for your review. I will add new research results as I receive government responses to my *Access to Information Act* requests.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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LINKS TO ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS & RESPONSES

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 - [NATIONAL DEFENCE REPORTS 559 LOST WEAPONS & 14 STOLEN WEAPONS](#)

MAY 20, 2016 - [RCMP RELEASE LIST OF 125 FIREARMS THEY LOST OR HAD STOLEN FROM THEM](#)

2013/14 & 2014/15 [NATIONAL DEFENCE: LOST AND STOLEN WEAPONS AND ACCESSORIES](#)

2012-2013 [NATIONAL DEFENCE WEAPONS & ACCESSORIES STOLEN OR LOST](#)