



WHAT HAS GUN CONTROL COST TAXPAYERS AND HAS IT BEEN EFFECTIVE?

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SUMMARY OF REPORTED FIREARMS PROGRAM SPENDING 1995 TO 2017

Highest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.79 Billion

Lowest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.60 Billion

NOTE: The attached spreadsheet of all Firearms Program Spending Reported to Parliament and RCMP Responses to ATIP Requests prepared from original documents by Dennis R. Young – February 3, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Firearms-Program-Spending-1995-2017.png>

PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA BACKGROUNDER: Costs and Crime Statistics

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Backgrounder-on-Firearms-Programs-Costs.pdf>

EXCERPT #1: *“Neither the costs incurred by provincial and territorial agencies in enforcing the legislation, nor the costs borne by Firearms owners and businesses to comply with the legislation have been calculated. (Auditor General’s Report 2002, Chapter 10).”*

EXCERPT #2: *“Two Library of Parliament studies estimate that enforcement and compliance costs are substantial, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars. (Compliance Costs of Firearms Registration, 10 October 2003; and, Estimates of Some of the Costs of Enforcing the Firearms Act, 20 March 2003).”*

QUESTIONS GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO ANSWER

Question: What Do All Gun Control Programs Cost Taxpayers Annually?

Question: What are the Enforcement, Compliance And Economic Costs?

Question: Has the Bill C-68 Regime Been More Effective than the previous Bill C-17 Regime?

Question: Have Gun Control Programs Reduced Homicides & Violent Crime?

Question: Are Taxpayers Getting The Best Bang For Their Buck?

Question: Where Are The Value-For-Money Audits?

Question: Where Are The Treasury Board Cost-Benefit Analyses?

Question: What Are The Benefits Of Gun Ownership?