



## CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM RCMP REPORT ON LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ERRORS FOR 2017

Analysis and Commentary by Dennis R. Young March 3, 2019

**MAIN COMMENT:** Why weren't these errors reported in the [2017 RCMP Commissioner of Firearms Report tabled in Parliament in December 2018?](#)

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

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORTED FIREARMS PROGRAM SPENDING 1995 TO 2017**

- Highest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.79 Billion
- Lowest Spending Amounts Reported = \$1.60 Billion

### WHAT THE RCMP MOSTLY DOES NOT KNOW!

**The RCMP does not know the location of the firearms** owned by 38 firearms registration notices and the 268 firearms licenses that were returned as undeliverable. (See the RCMP responses to Question 2 and 13 below)

**COMMENT:** Many police officers claim the primary purpose of firearm licensing and registration regime is to tell police where the registered guns are and where licensed gun owners live.

**The RCMP does not keep track** of the number of gun owners who complain about errors on their firearms registration certificates. (See RCMP response to Question 1 below)

**COMMENT:** If the firearms registration system is important for police investigations then it is important that the information on the certificates is tracked and corrected in a timely manner.

**The RCMP does not keep track** of the number of gun owners who complain about errors on their firearms licenses. (See RCMP response to Question 12 below)

**COMMENT:** If it is important enough to issue individual firearms licenses to millions of gun owners it is important enough to make sure that licensing errors are tracked and corrected in a timely manner.

**The RCMP did not provide an answer** to my question asking for the number of 443,043 persons prohibited from owning firearms still in possession of registered firearms; instead, they reported that they were unable to say if the **186 individuals with a revoked firearms licence, who are prohibited from owning firearms** were still in possession of their firearms. (See RCMP response to Question 3 below)

**COMMENT:** The raison d'être for the entire gun control regime is to ensure that firearms do not remain in the hands of convicted criminals and gun owners who have had their licenses revoked. Our gun control program is failing to keep statistical evidence that our gun control programs and tax dollars spent are achieving its primary purpose.

**The RCMP unable to say whether** the **15,111 individuals with an expired or revoked licence** were still in possession of their registered firearms. (See RCMP response to Question 4 below)

**COMMENT:** More proof that our gun control program is failing to provide statistical evidence that our gun control programs are keeping firearms out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them.

**The RCMP reported 217,473 firearms no longer considered in the possession of the registered owner;** however, did not provide the number of firearms that were recorded as in **protected custody, pending destruction, recorded as lost or stolen or in the custody of a deceased owner's estate**. (See RCMP response to Question 5 below)

**COMMENT:** A little more detail for Parliamentarians is needed especially who 'lost' the firearms and who had their [firearms 'stolen'](#) from them.

**The RCMP did not provide** the number of duplicate registrations that existed but did report **3,834 firearms where there is at least one other firearm registered with the same make model and serial number**. (See RCMP response to Question 7 below)

**COMMENT:** Parliamentarians need to know what implications this duplication of information on registration certificates have for law enforcement.

**The RCMP failed to report** the number of firearms registered without serial numbers.

(Note: A follow-up request for this information has been made to my RCMP ATIP advisor on this file)

**COMMENT:** In May of 2002 the government reported 718,414 firearms registered without serial numbers. Parliamentarians need to have the updated statistics and an explanation of the implications this lack of information on registration certificates has for law enforcement.

**The RCMP does not have a method of keeping track** of the number of firearms registered as restricted firearms but are prohibited firearms. (See RCMP response to Question 9 below)

**COMMENT:** If it is important enough to spend tax dollars to classify firearms, then it is equally important to keep track of the firearms that are improperly classified. Incorrect classification of a restricted firearm as prohibited can lead to firearms being seized and their owners being charged with serious offenses under the Criminal Code of Canada and could also result in wasting valuable police time and money.

**The RCMP does not have a method of keeping track** of the number of firearms registered as restricted but are non-restricted. (See RCMP response to Question 10 below)

**COMMENT:** Incorrect classification of a non-restricted firearm as restricted could lead to firearms being seized and their owners being charged with serious offenses under the Criminal Code of Canada and could also result in wasting valuable police time and money.

**The RCMP reported 4,000 duplicate firearms registration certificates** in the system and explained: **Firearms previously dual registered under the former law may continue to be dual registered under the Firearms Act**. (See RCMP response to Question 11 below)

**COMMENT:** Parliamentarians need to know what implications these dual registration certificates have for law enforcement.

**The RCMP does not keep track** of the number of firearms licenses issued with the wrong photograph or owner description. (See RCMP response to Question 14 below)

**COMMENT:** In 2002, the government reported that they had issued 259 firearms licenses with the wrong photograph. If it is important enough to issue individual firearms licenses to millions of gun owners, then it is equally important to keep track of licensing errors such as issuing licenses with the wrong photograph and have processes in place so that the wrong photos are replaced with the right ones in a timely manner.

**The RCMP does not keep track** of the number of changes of address notifications waiting to be entered in the system. (See RCMP response to Question 14 below)

**COMMENT:** If it is important for police safety to know where licensed gun owners live then it is very important that these change of address notifications be processed promptly and that the RCMP know the extent of their backlog.

## ERRORS REPORTED IN THE RCMP FIREARMS REGISTRATION SYSTEM

**QUESTION #1:** For the year 2017, the number of enquiries received to report errors with firearms registration certificates;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not keep such statistics.”*

**QUESTION #2:** For the year 2017, the number of registration certificates returned by the post office noting the wrong address;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“In 2017 a total of 38 notices were returned as undeliverable which may contain more than one registration Certificate. There are a number of reasons why a notice may be returned as undeliverable.”*

**QUESTION #3:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of persons prohibited from owning firearms still in possession of registered firearms;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“As of May 31, 2018, there are 186 individuals with a revoked firearms licence, who are prohibited from owning firearms. There are ongoing efforts with police of jurisdiction to follow-up with said individuals. As per the Public Agents Firearms Regulations, public agencies have 30 days to enter seized firearms into their protected inventory.”*

**QUESTION #4:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of persons with an expired or revoked licence still in possession of their registered firearms;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“As of May 31, 2018, there are 15,111 individuals with an expired or revoked firearms licence. Either the individual or the estate of the individual must notify the Canadian Firearms Program of the firearm's disposition or the firearm has been seized/relinquished but not yet recorded into Protected Custody.”*

**QUESTION #5:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms no longer in the possession of the registered owner.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“As of May 31, 2018, there are 217,473 firearms no longer considered in the possession of the registered owner. The status of these firearms vary such as; protected custody, pending destruction, recorded as lost or stolen or in the custody of a deceased owner's estate to name a few.”*

**QUESTION #6:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms reported as sold by RCMP approved dealers but still listed in the dealers' inventories

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“As of May 31, 2018, no firearms have been identified to be simultaneously registered to a firearms business and an individual.”*

**QUESTION #7:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms registered with the same makes, models and serial numbers.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“As of May 31, 2018, there are 3,834 firearms where there is at least one other firearm registered with the same make model and serial number; however, this does not mean there are duplicate registrations. For example, the Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) does not data capture Cyrillic characters contained in serial numbers, i.e. Tokarey TT33, Tokarey M57.”*

**QUESTION #8:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms registered without serial numbers.

**RCMP FAILED TO RESPOND TO THIS QUESTION!**

**QUESTION #9:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms registered as restricted firearms but are prohibited firearms.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *“The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not have any method to obtain such statistics. However, if the CFR becomes aware of a restricted firearm that is verified as prohibited, the record will be updated to reflect the new information.”*

**QUESTION #10:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of firearms registered as restricted but are non-restricted.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not have any method to obtain such statistics. If the CFR becomes aware of a restricted firearm that is verified as non-restricted, the firearm record will be deleted from the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS)."*

**QUESTION # 11:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of duplicate firearms registration certificates in the system.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"As of May 31, 2018, there are 4,000 firearms registered to more than one individual as dual registered. Firearms previously dual registered under the former law may continue to be dual registered under the Firearms Act."*

### **ERRORS REPORTED IN THE RCMP FIREARMS LICENCING SYSTEM**

**QUESTION #12:** For the year 2017, the number of enquiries received to report errors in firearms licenses.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not keep such statistics."*

**QUESTION #13:** For the year 2017, the number of firearms licenses returned by the post office with the wrong address.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"In 2017 a total of 268 firearms licenses were returned as undeliverable. There are a number of reasons why a notice may be returned as undeliverable."*

**QUESTION #14:** For the year 2017, the number of firearms licenses issued with the wrong photograph or owner description.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not keep such statistics."*

**QUESTION #15:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of persons prohibited from owning firearms still in possession of their firearms licence.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not keep such statistics. Please note, these firearms licence cards may have been seized by the courts rather than returned to the Chief Firearms Office (CFO) of the individual's jurisdiction."*

**QUESTION #16:** As of December 31, 2017, the number of change of address notifications waiting to be entered in the system.

**RCMP RESPONSE:** *"The Canadian Firearms Registry (CFR) does not keep such statistics."*

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### **PRESENTATION ON LACK OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING BILL C-71 TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY AND DEFENCE**

Albert Einstein is credited with saying: *"The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again but expecting different results"*. There's no proof that **Einstein** really made this statement just as there is no proof – no 'evidence' - that any of the reams of gun control laws passed by successive governments over the last four decades has reduced the number of homicides, reduced the number of suicides, reduced violent crime, improved public or police safety or kept firearms out of the hands of criminals. By Dennis R. Young – February 18, 2019

<https://dennisyoung.ca/2019/02/20/senate-presentation-on-lack-of-evidence-supporting-bill-c-71/>

## **TARGETING BAD GUYS WITH GUNS**

### **PETITION TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE?**

We residents of Canada call on the Government to pass a motion making it mandatory for judges when imposing a firearms prohibition order, as part of a criminal sentence, a protection order or restraining order, also make it mandatory for these persons to report any change of address to police and this information be made available to police in a database on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre). By Dennis R. Young - November 9, 2018 <https://lnkd.in/eKnCw4n>  
<https://www.change.org/p/justin-trudeau-shouldn-t-police-know-where-these-bad-guys-with-guns-live>

### **WHAT GOODALE'S 'GUNS AND GANGS SUMMIT' MISSED ALL TOGETHER**

- **Little real evidence that Canada's gun control programs are working**
- **No Value-for-Money Audits - No Cost/Effectiveness Evaluations in the last 25 years!**

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