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Mr. Dennis R. YOUNG 1330 Ravenswood Drive South East Airdrie, Alberta T4A 0P8

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Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the Access to Information Act, which was received by this office on January 25, 2019, to obtain:

For the period from 2007 to 2017, please provide copies of records, reports, statistics, evaluations, spreadsheets, correspondence, presentations, policies, directives, briefing notes, talking points, Advice to the Minister, etc showing the following definitions and statistics:

1.Definition of a 'crime gun'

2.Definition of a 'domestically sourced crime gun'

3. Total number of firearms seized

4.Total number of firearms surrendered (i.e. amnesty, turned in for destruction)

5. Total number of 'crime guns' seized

6.Total number of 'crime guns' seized from licensed gun owners

7.Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were traced to the United States

8.Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were traced to other countries (and names of those countries)

9.Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were identified as 'domestically sourced'

(a)Total number stolen from licensed gun owners

(b)Total number identified as 'straw purchases'

10.Total number of 'crime guns' seized that were traced to a licensed gun owner 11.Total number of 'crime guns' seized that had the serial number altered 12.Total number of 'crime guns seized that were a) restricted, b) prohibited, or c) non-restricted

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted with the Canadian Firearms Program in Ottawa, Ontario. <u>Please note that items 1,2 and 5-12 produced no records, as the RCMP does not define 'crime guns', and therefore cannot provide statistics relating to 'crime guns.'</u>

Enclosed is a copy of all the information relevant to your request for items 3 and 4, which have been disclosed in their entirety.

We also suggest that you submit a request to the police of jurisdiction as the may able to provide you with accurate numbers.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your



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notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada 30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Kelly Jette at 613-843-6127 or Kelly.Jette@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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2008 **	1,406	372
2009	28,635	14,246
2010	35,693	17,439
2011	34,076	14,005
2012	32,597	11,793
2013	31,367	14,877
2014	28,185	12,760
2015	25,648	12,403
2016	25,171	11,277
2017	25,475	9,302
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Prior to the "Public Agents Firearms Regulations" coming into force on October 31, 2008, there was no legal requirement for Public Agencies to report on protected inventories to the Canadian Firearms Program. Therefore the CFP does not have statistics on seized or surrendered firearms.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 228

Federal Government Institution:

RCMP HQ OTTAWA & CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the 2009 Firearms Commissioner's Report to Parliament *Table 3 Firearms Recovered 2009, Table 4 Crime Guns by Classification 2009 and Table 5, Crime Guns Recovered 2009 (pages 20 and 21 attached).* http://publications.gc.ca/collections/collection_2010/grc-rcmp/PS96-2009-eng.pdf

Reference is also being made to the Toronto Police Services response to my FOIP request for their Crime Gun Statistics dated August 24, 2018. <u>https://dennisryoung.ca/2018/08/30/toronto-police-release-crime-gun-stats-2007-2017/</u>

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or
- a corporation present in Canada

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Signature: ____

Dennis R. Young

CRIME GUN INFORMATION

A crime gun is any firearm which is used or suspected to have been used in a crime, is illegally possessed or has an obliterated serial number. These firearms have a direct impact on police officer and public safety.

The figures in tables 3, 4 and 5 below represent the only crime gun data available in Canada.

TABLE 3 Firearms Recovered 2009

Firearm Type	Number
Non-Crime Gun	5,391
Crime Gun	4,083
Total	9,474

TABLE 4 Crime Guns By Classification 2009

Classification	Number
Antique	1
Deemed Non-Firearm	257
Non-Restricted	1,619
Prohibited	1,133
Restricted	881
Unknown	192
Total	4,083



Variety of Handguns Seized by Police

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TABLE 5: Crime Guns Recover	
Air Gun	
Antique	7
Assault Rifle	12
Bolt Action	1
Combination Gun	11
Derringer	
Flint	3
Handgun	1
Incomplete	9
Machine Gun	8
Other	47
Pellet Gun	38
Percussion	9
Pistol	1,233
Replica	15
Revolver	536
Rifle	1,097
Sawed-off Rifle	17
Sawed-off Shotgun	66
Shotgun	679
Starters Pistol	9
Submachine Gun	13
Toy Gun	39
Total	4,083

TABLE 5: Crime Guns Recovered 2009