

FIREARMS — REPORTED MISSING OR STOLEN

4380. Mr P.A. Katsambanis to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:

I refer to firearms in Western Australia, and ask:

- (a) for each month of 2016 how many firearms were reported missing or stolen;
- (b) for each month of 2017 how many firearms were reported missing or stolen;
- (c) for each month of 2018 how many firearms were reported missing or stolen;
- (d) for each month of 2016 how many firearms were recovered or located;
- (e) for each month of 2017 how many firearms were recovered or located; and
- (f) for each month of 2018 how many firearms were recovered or located?

**Mrs M.H. Roberts replied:**

The Western Australian Police advise:

- (a) 2016

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	52
February	33
March	40
April	27
May	37
June	67
July	34
August	51
September	49
October	79
November	50
December	40

- (b) 2017

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	57
February	41
March	202
April	17
May	40
June	106
July	70
August	82
September	22
October	34
November	40
December	32

- (c) 2018

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Mr Peter Katsambanis; Mrs Michelle Roberts

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<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	27
February	33
March	41
April	42
May	82
June	54
July	39
August	56
September	73
October	61
November	88
December	44

(d) 2016

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	17
February	8
March	23
April	5
May	9
June	12
July	8
August	12
September	5
October	21
November	14
December	6

(e) 2017

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total</b>
January	11
February	6
March	46
April	3
May	10
June	14
July	18
August	13
September	20
October	4
November	7

December	8
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(f) 2018

Month	Total
January	10
February	10
March	15
April	11
May	18
June	7
July	18
August	11
September	8
October	6
November	12
December	3

**Caveats:**

*Figures are provisional and subject to revision.*

*Figures on the number of firearms are based on the Western Australian Police Force's Incident Management System having recorded a property item with the property type of 'firearm' between 01 January 2016 and 31 December 2018 inclusive.*

*Figures of missing or stolen firearms refer to firearms which are recorded in the property class of 'lost' or 'stolen'. Figures of recovered firearms are those recorded in the property class of 'stolen' and flagged as 'recovered'. Figures of located firearms are those recorded in the property class of 'found'.*

*'Recovered' and 'Located' firearms do not include the 'Seized' firearms. Firearms may be seized for:*

*Investigation purposes to determine if stolen*

*Linked to an offence or other investigation*

*For purposes of preventing high risk firearm incidents*

*As a result of a deceased estate. Inclusion of firearms is reliant on the recording practices of officers, this includes the selection of the correct property type, property class, and recovered flag. The property type includes items such as Pistols, Rifles, Paintball Markers, Shotguns, and other items. Information contained in free text fields is not considered.*

*Figures are based on the date the information, about the firearm, was received by police and does not necessarily mean the firearm was lost, stolen, found, or recovered during the same period. A firearm which has been found may not have an entry for when the firearm was lost, and similarly a lost firearm may not be found or reported to police as found.*

*Figures for the number of stolen firearms for a given period can be considerably higher where certain offences, such as commercial burglaries, have occurred.*