

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
CRIMTRAC

**Question No. 101**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:**

- a) What communications has the Agency had with, or has the Agency made to the Minister for Home Affairs, Jason Clare, regarding the National Firearms Identification Database?
- b) Please provide an update on where the program currently sits?
- c) Is CrimTrac currently working on, or considering a national approach to Firearms Management? Was this project not originally meant to provide a mechanism for supporting national firearms management?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

- a) The Agency has had routine communications with the Minister for Home Affairs, the Hon Jason Clare MP, regarding the National Firearms Identification Database (NFID) in the lead up to the Standing Council on Police and Emergency Management (SCPEM).
- b) Following meetings of the CrimTrac Board of Management on 21 June 2012 and the SCPEM on 29 June 2012, delivery of NFID was noted and further endorsed. Significant work has already been completed and the NFID project has established the requirements for the system. CrimTrac is now finalising national acceptance of the requirements in preparation for completion of the project and rolling out the NFID.
- c) At its meeting on 29 June 2012, SCPEM agreed in principle to develop a National Firearms Register (NFR) that jurisdictions will use to record and share information on firearms imported and registered in Australia, and on licensed firearm owners. The Commonwealth, in consultation with states and territories, will undertake a benefits analysis of an NFR and present a model and funding options for consideration by SCPEM at its first meeting in 2013

CrimTrac is presently working with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department and the Firearms and Weapons Policy Working Group (FWPWG) to meet the requirements of the SCPEM resolution with respect to a benefits analysis, operational model and funding options.