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Senator Lambie asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:

Senator LAMBIE: I have some questions about the Adler. Is it true that you can let off seven shots in about 10 seconds?

Senator Brandis: We need to find a person with that level of expert knowledge.

Mr Dawson: The advice I have is that for a five-round discharge—and that is the weapon I am aware of that was tested—it is able to be discharged in just over four seconds.

Senator LAMBIE: Okay, well that is even worse. Regarding the attachments that go on it, how many attachments can you actually put on this weapon and what sort of attachments are we talking about?

Mr Dawson: The advice I have received from our firearms expert is that, like a number of different weapons, there is a capacity to add extra rounds through a longer magazine capacity. That is quite a familiar addition that can be done to quite a number of different firearm types. The advice I have is that the Adler shotgun is capable of being equipped with a number of different magazine rounds, whether it be five, seven or greater.

Senator LAMBIE: Are we looking at 20 or 30 rounds as well? What do they usually come in—20? The military ones come in about 20, so I am gathering that that would be standard. Would it be that easy to be able to access those magazines?

Mr Dawson: Whether it is from the factory or whether it is manufactured privately outside of the manufacturer's details would be a matter that would have to be considered, but I would be happy to take your question on notice if you wanted more specific information.

Senator LAMBIE: Yes, I would like more specific information, and whether or not they have come across any illegal attachments. With some of those I have seen 30 or 40 rounds in other weapons—they are illegal attachments. It would be great if you could do that.

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

The Adler A-110 lever action shotgun has a standard 5 or 7 round tube magazine.

The Adler A-110 currently being imported has magazine capacity of five rounds, as the importation of lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity of more than five rounds is prohibited until the review of the National Firearms Agreement is completed and the outcomes implemented.

The modification of firearms by increasing magazine capacity is subject to state and territory firearms laws and regulations.

The states and territories are responsible for the legislative requirements regarding accessories.