

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

**Program:** Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission

**Question No. AE17/023**

**Senator Pratt asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:**

Senator PRATT: Are you able to tell us how many weapons entered the illicit market in 2016?

Ms Rose: I might have to take that on notice. I have an ongoing figure, but I do not have right here—

Senator PRATT: If you can give us the ongoing figure, that would be helpful.

Ms Rose: We conservatively estimate that there are more than 260,000 firearms in the illicit firearms market.

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

Due to the hidden nature of the illicit firearms market, the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission cannot provide the number of firearms entering the illicit market in 2016, as that information is unknown.