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

Senator PRATT: So, when the website—the National Firearms Information Network's, your website, sorry—indicates that the information network has not yet been established, are you saying that it will not be established officially until that work over the next 24 months is actually done?

Ms Rose: Well, it is dependent on your definition of 'established'. It has been built. It is fully functional when every state and territory goes onto that system. It will be incremental. Some states and territories are more forward leading and able to do data cleansing more easily, so they are going to come on first, and then it will be finalised obviously once all the data is on there.

Senator PRATT: Does that mean it is not officially going to exist until that point in time?

Ms Rose: No, it absolutely exists, but it will not completely be a national system until every state and territory has that data in it.

Senator PRATT: Your own website makes it sound like it does not yet exist, because it says that it 'will' do this and it 'will' do that, and clearly it is not fully operationally doing that.

Ms Rose: Correct, because it does not have the data in it.

Senator PRATT: How much data is in there currently?

Ms Rose: That I do not know.

Ms Oberoi: We will have to take that on notice. We understand that there is a bit of data from New South Wales, but we will have to take the detail of that on notice.

Senator PRATT: Okay.

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

The Australian Firearms Information Network currently holds firearm and licence data provided to the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's (ACIC) National Firearm Licensing and Registration System (NFLRS) by each state and territory police agency.

This data contains:

- more than 1.9 million firearms licence records, and
- more than five million firearm records.