

SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
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Question No. 143

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2005:

Regarding the additional funding allocated to the National Handgun Buyback Scheme:

- a) What were the additional reporting requirements requested?
- b) Why were they requested?
- c) When are they due to be completed?
- d) How much did it cost to implement the additional reporting requirements?
- e) Are the additional reporting requirements now properly in place?
 - (i) If not, what is the timeframe for the implementation of the reporting requirements?
 - (ii) How much of the additional requirements are now in place?
- f) How much additional funds in total does that represent that has been provided?
- g) How much of the additional funds have been expended?
- h) Have any further funds been requested?

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

- a. The additional reporting requirements provided further details on surrendered items (handguns, parts, and accessories).
- b. The reporting changes were requested in order to calculate payments under the National Handgun Buyback and assist in the reconciliation of claims made by State and Territory governments.
- c. The development of the additional reporting requirements is complete.
- d. The cost of implementing the additional reporting requirements is estimated to be in the order of \$170,000.
- e. Yes.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) Not applicable.
- f. To date, the Australian Government has approved additional funding of \$898,697 in support of the National Handgun Buyback Support System development and maintenance.
- g. To date, \$699,738 of the additional funding has been expended.
- h. No.