

BRIEFING FOR THE MINISTER OF POLICE			
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Title	Buy-back commencement & Firearms Announcements		
Date	6 June 2019	Ref	BR/19/63

Recommendations

Police recommends that the Minister of Police:

- a) note operational preparations are well underway for the commencement of the buy-back period
- b) note that the first stage in the buyback process is effective communication to ensure all participants are aware of their role and can select the best method to safely hand over now-prohibited firearm(s)
- c) note that the mobile collection events will commence during the week of 8 July
- d) note that invitations to tender, selection and training of dealers for their role in the buy back will take five weeks
- e) note that initiating this process after the expected announcement date (17 to 21 June) will delay the dealer channel going live until August 2019
- f) agree that Police initiate the contracting of dealers to establish a dealer buyback channel immediately, and prior to the Ministerial buy-back announcement Yes/No
- g) agree to make announcements about the commencement of the buy-back and the publication of the price lists in the period between 17 and 21 June 2019 Yes/No
- h) agree to announce the policy proposals for a second amendment Bill following the commencement of the dealer collection channel in mid-July Yes/No
- i) agree the buy-back period should commence on 21 June 2019 (subject to Cabinet approval of the regulations on 17 June) Yes/No

- j) agree that Police will announce details of the buy-back process and first mobile community collection point via a media conference and media channels, on the same day as the Minister's buy-back announcement Yes/No

Minister's comments and signature

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Hon Stuart Nash

Minister of Police

PROACTIVE RELEASE

Buy-back Commencement & Firearms Announcements

Purpose

1. This briefing provides you with an update on preparations underway for the commencement of the buy-back period for prohibited items, and seeks your agreement to the sequencing of announcements regarding the policy proposals for a second amendment Bill.

The buy-back preparation is well underway and prepared to go live on 21 June

2. The buy-back period will run for six months from the date the buy-back regulations go live. The regulations will for LEG consideration on 11 June and Cabinet on 17 June. Following Cabinet approval, the Order in Council is expected to be approved later in the week.
3. The announcement on the buy-back regulations and commencement could take place any time between Cabinet decision on 17 June and the day the Order in Council comes into effect, expected to be 21 June. The agreed six month period from the Order in Council, would take the buy-back period to 20 December 2019.
4. The initial phase of the buy-back from 21 June to 8 July will focus on clear and effective communication to all stakeholders. This will allow prohibited firearms owners in particular to consider and prepare for the best of the four channels (mobile collection points, dealers, bulk pick-ups, stations) for handing over their firearms safely and appropriately. This will vary depending upon the number and nature of firearms held.
5. During this period, firearms owners will also be encouraged to provide their online information and register their firearms for handover. This will enable Police to more effectively finalise firearms collections plans and prepare for firearms receipt. The date of the first mobile community collection point (Police's preferred channel) will be announced on the same day as Ministerial announcements and others will follow. This will enable firearms holders to plan well ahead.
6. Active buyback processing and tracking through the SAP IT system and the back-end financial transaction between Government and the person being compensated for the firearm, part and/or magazine will go live from 8 July. Mobile collection events will commence in that week and we expect the dealer channel to be live from mid-July.
7. As we prepare for each step to go live, the SAP IT system will be finalised, tested and prepared to go live and dealers will be contracted via an invitation to tender process. Following tender assessment and selection, dealers will be trained and prepared for their role. This tendering, selection and training process, even when streamlined, will take at least five weeks.
8. To enable this channel to go live in mid-July, Police seeks your agreement to begin tendering processes immediately and prior to the formal buyback announcement. Delaying contracting to after announcement will delay dealer the dealer buyback channel going live to the beginning of August.

- 17 June and 21 June. s 9(2)(g)(i)

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