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Dear ██████████

I am writing to you in response to your request dated 4 April 2019. You asked:

I've been listening to oral submissions on the arms amendment bill and there are conflicting numbers.

Would you please provide available statistics on:

- 1) the number of privately owned firearms that are lost or stolen each year; and*
- 2) the number of firearms that have been lost by, or stolen from, the Police.*

Number of firearms reported as stolen by year is shown below. Note that not all of these firearms remain stolen – some have since been recovered and returned to owner or destroyed. For the lost firearms, once a lost firearm is found, its status is changed to found or returned to owner, so only the firearms that are still lost are shown below.

Year	Firearms reported stolen	Firearms reported lost and still lost
Before 2002	343	11
2002	392	40
2003	563	11
2004	476	10
2005	431	18
2006	578	5
2007	623	20
2008	504	6
2009	472	11
2010	479	16
2011	502	26
2012	485	24
2013	566	15
2014	737	24
2015	838	21
2016	956	19
2017	825	27

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2018	831	21
2019 to 13 Jun	275	5

The Police firearms that have been lost, stolen, or misplaced are listed below:

Year	District	Make	Model	Description
2000	Bay of Plenty	Glock	17	Lost
2004	Auckland	Very	Signal Pistol	Misplaced
2004	Auckland	Webley	Gas Gun	Misplaced
2005	Waitemata	Glock	17	Lost/Stolen in transit
2005	Waitemata	Glock	17	Lost/Stolen in transit
2007	Waikato	Glock	17 (parts only)	Lost/Stolen in transit
2010	Central	Glock	17	Stolen from Court - Exhibit
2010	Central	Glock	17	Stolen from Court - Exhibit
2015	Tasman	Glock	17P – inert training weapon	Misplaced
2016	Waikato	Glock	17	Lost
2016	Bay of Plenty	Bushmaster	M4 (parts only)	Lost/Stolen in transit
2017	Wellington	Colt	M4P – inert training weapon	Misplaced
2017	Wellington	Glock	17P – inert training weapon	Misplaced

For your information, Police has developed a process for proactive release of information, so the anonymised response to your request may be publicly released on the New Zealand Police website.

Yours sincerely



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