



# Cabinet Legislation Committee

## Summary

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### Arms Legislation Bill: Supplementary Order Paper

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Police</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	This paper seeks approval to release a Supplementary Order Paper (SOP) to the Arms Legislation Bill.
<b>Previous Consideration</b>	<p>In March 2019, Cabinet made a number of decisions to amend the Arms Act 1983, and authorised a group of Ministers comprising the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Justice, Minister of Police and Minister of Defence to have Power to Act to take decisions on the final detail of the proposals [CAB-19-MIN-0105].</p> <p>On 9 September 2019, Cabinet approved the introduction of the Bill [CAB-19-MIN-0454].</p>
<b>Summary</b>	<p>The Bill is before the Finance and Expenditure Committee, which is expected to report by 10 February 2020.</p> <p>Ministers authorised with Power to Act have agreed to amend the Bill by way of SOP to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prohibit short-barrelled semi-automatic rifles;</li> <li>• prohibits the possession, sale and importation of pistol carbine conversion kits, other than by pistol-endorsed licence holders;</li> <li>• prohibit the importation of airsoft pistol carbine kits, other than by specified people with a permit to import;</li> <li>• prohibit a firearm containing a centrefire lower receiver;</li> <li>• expand the regulation making power in the Arms Act.</li> </ul>
<b>Regulatory Impact Analysis</b>	A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared and is attached. A cross-agency Quality Assurance Panel, has reviewed the Assessment and considers that it meets the Quality Assurance criteria.
<b>Compliance</b>	A Supplementary Departmental Disclosure Statement is attached.

There are no outstanding compliance issues.

<b>Timing Issues</b>	None indicated.
<b>Announcement</b>	The Minister of Police will announce the contents of the SOP.
<b>Proactive Release</b>	This paper will be proactively released.
<b>Consultation</b>	<p>Paper prepared by Police. Customs, and MFAT were consulted. Targeted consultation was undertaken with a limited number of members of the firearms community.</p> <p>The Minister of Police indicates that the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Leader of the House, the Minister of Justice, the Attorney-General, the Deputy Leader of the House, and the Minister of Agriculture were consulted, and that New Zealand First and the Green Party were consulted.</p>

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**The Minister of Police recommends that the Committee:**

- 1 note that the Arms Legislation Bill, which seeks to increase public safety by adjusting the firearms regulatory framework to improve controls on the use and possession of firearms, is currently before the Finance and Expenditure Committee;
- 2 note that the note that the Supplementary Order Paper (SOP)\_ to the Arms Legislation Bill, attached to the submission under LEG-19-SUB-0168:
  - 2.1 prohibits short-barrelled semi-automatic rifles;
  - 2.2 prohibits the possession, sale and importation of pistol carbine conversion kits, other than by pistol-endorsed licence holders;
  - 2.3 prohibits the importation of airsoft pistol carbine kits, other than by specified people with a permit to import;
  - 2.4 prohibits a firearm containing a centrefire lower receiver;
  - 2.5 expands the regulation making power in the Arms Act 1983;
- 3 approve for release the SOP to the Arms Legislation Bill [PCO 18958-5/3.0], subject to any minor editorial changes.

Gerrard Carter  
Committee Secretary

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