

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE

Question No. 8

Senator Brown asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:

Please provide details on how many automatic handguns there are abroad in the illegal firearms trade.

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

Open source material such as the *Small Arms Survey 2007* provides estimates of the number of firearms in circulation globally. However there are no means of definitively determining the number of illegal firearms, or specifically, the number of automatic handguns, abroad.