

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS SERVICE

**Question No. 111**

**Senator Brown asked the following question at the hearing on 23 May 2007:**

- a) What amount of GST is collected from the importation of firearms into Australia?
- b) How many of the following types of firearms are imported into Australia each year?
  - i) long arms (please breakdown between single shot and multiple shot)
  - ii) handguns (please breakdown between single shot and multiple shot)
- c) What is the total value of importations?

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

**Amount of GST Collected on Firearms**

Figures available for the last financial year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

Total GST paid (including GST deferred) on firearms imported into Australia over this period was \$2,657,343.05.

**Types of Firearms Imported**

Figures available for the last financial year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

HANDGUN	RIFLE	SHOTGUN	MILITARY	ANTIQUE	TOTAL
5876	21,665	10,036	1,706	106	39,389

The breakdown of imported firearms into either single shot or multiple shot is not readily available. Customs does not collect the information in this format as there is no operational or regulatory requirement to do so.

**Total Value of Firearms Importations**

Figures available for the last financial year 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

Total value of firearms imported into Australia over this period was \$31,982,576.37.