

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

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Question No. 58

Senator Ludwig asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

With reference to page 114 of the Annual Report and regarding the completed scoping study for the National Firearms Management System:

- (a) Is the report available (NB Appears was not available on website as at 26 October 2006)?
- (b) What are the reports major findings?
- (c) Did the report assess effectiveness of the UK's National Firearms License Management System? If so, what were the results? If not, why not?

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

With reference to the scoping study for the National Firearms Management System (NFMS):

- (a) No. The Australasian Police Ministers Council (APMC) has decided not to release the study.
- (b) The study found there was broad support for an NFMS which would deliver capabilities not available from existing systems. It recommended a business case be developed to provide a detailed cost benefit analysis of constructing an NFMS for consideration by the APMC.
- (c) The study found that an initial pilot program for the United Kingdom National Firearms License Management System was impacted by shortcomings related to infrastructure and network bandwidth capacity. Due to the extent of these system issues a secondary pilot was postponed. The study also found that project management and coordination between police forces impacted on the delivery of the system.

The report considered the United Kingdom National Firearms License Management System.