

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION SERVICE

**Question No. 20**

**Senator Furner asked the following question at the hearing on 16 October 2012:**

**Senator FURNER:** ... Can I firstly take you to the illicit firearms importations. In particular, on 12 April this year New South Wales Police were involved in a seizure of some weapons. I understand Customs was involved in the same exercise, concerning some illegal imported weapons. What type of weapons were seized and when were they illegally imported into Australia?

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**Ms Kelley:** Senator, what date did you say?

**Senator FURNER:** The 12th of April this year.

**Ms Kelley:** I do not think it is that Maxworthy operation, and I am sorry but I do not have the detail around that 12 March job, so we might have to provide you with that information on notice.

**Senator FURNER:** If you could take that on notice.

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

Customs and Border Protection undertook joint operational activity with the New South Wales Police on 11 and 12 April 2012 in relation to the alleged importation of firearms.

Customs and Border Protection did not seize any weapons, nor did it locate any weapons which may have been imported illegally. Further questions pertaining to NSW Police activity should be directed to NSW Police.