



Statistical Data

	Received	Approved
01/12/2008 - 31/12/2008	70	72
01/01/2009 - 31/12/2009	1431	1258
01/01/2010 - 31/12/2010	1273	1125
01/01/2011 - 21/11/2011	1114	1029

Bladed Weapons	Warfare	Crowd Control	Martial Arts/Sport	Anti-Personnel	Lasers
32	23	5	4	1	7
505	363	198	99	3	119
434	335	169	84	3	132
359	342	167	86	7	92

Notes regarding Data

1. The received number of applications includes all applications received for the period. In some cases the application will not result in approval or refusal, it may be closed due to insufficient information, may be a duplicate application, or may be an application for goods that on closer examination are not considered to be controlled weapons.
2. The approved number of applications is the total number of applications resulting in approval for the period. If the numbers of each category of weapons is added for a period, it may exceed the total number of approved applications. This is due to some applications including goods that are captured under more than one category of goods. For example, an application may include bladed weapons and warfare goods.
3. Bladed weapons includes daggers, ballistic knives, flick knives, concealed blades, star knives, sheath knives, push knives, trench knives, throwing knives, non-metallic knives and butterfly knives which were listed under Items 9, 18D, 19, 21, 23, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 42 of Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified.
4. Warfare includes Items of warfare that were listed under Item 8 of Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified. Only inert/permanently inoperable items of warfare were approved for import to private collections, while high risk goods are limited to law enforcement/government use.

5. Crowd control includes electric shock weapons, acoustic shock weapons, hand held gas/liquid devices, body armour and extendable batons that were listed under Items 12, 13, 14, 29A and 47 of Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified. These goods are limited to importation for use in the security and law enforcement industry and for government use.
6. Martial arts/sport includes blowpipes and darts, nunchakus, crossbows, knuckledusters, gloves with protrusions, slingshots, hand and foot claws, weighted gloves, shark darts, dart projectors, maces and flails which were listed under Items 18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 19A, 20, 22, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45 and 46 of Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified.
7. Anti-personnel goods includes items such as anti-personnel sprays and chemicals (such as Pepper spray, OC, CS) that are listed under Items 1 and 1A of Schedule 3 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified. Anti-personnel goods are limited to importation for the purposes of the Government and other end users specified at Item 1 of Schedule 3 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.
8. Lasers includes laser pointers which were listed under Item 42 of Schedule 2 of the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956* over the reporting periods specified.
9. The number of applications approved may exceed the number of applications received within the same reporting period. For example 100 applications may have been approved in 1 calendar month but only 80 were received in that same month. This is due to some applications being approved in the reporting period some time after their receipt. For example an application received in December 2011 may not be approved until January 2012. A three week turn around time is applicable to applications for permission to import weapons.
10. The Minister (or his authorised officer) does not consider granting permission unless the importer has obtained written authorisation to possess the goods from the relevant State or Territory Police service, or the goods are being imported for government or other official end users and there is evidence of official documents from the end user.