

**Detection and disposal of firearms (and parts) detected and disposed of per year, since 2011**

	CONVENTIONAL FIREARMS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES					IMITATIONS, AIR GUNS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES				
	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Detections of undeclared items	1344	2403	1737	1775	1751	3984	4084	5668	3451	3430
Disposals	105	586	151	121	14	2403	2711	4190	2165	2371

Please note:	Firearm statistics are referred to in terms of 'undeclared detections' rather than seizures. An imported firearm is considered an 'undeclared detection' when it has been detected and identified by DIBP as a prohibited or restricted firearm and where it has not been declared to DIBP in accordance with the import requirements.
	When DIBP detects an undeclared conventional firearm it contacts the importer seeking compliance and a grace period is granted to allow this to occur, if compliance is achieved the goods are released. In some cases DIBP seize the goods under the Act and may commence further investigation or initiate court proceedings. Seized firearms can be; subject to release where import requirements are met subsequent to detention, forfeited to the Crown, disputed or subject to a prosecution for an offence under the Act. Not all undeclared detections are 'seized'. This only occurs when the firearms detained by ABF have failed, or will fail, to meet import requirements. Many are eventually released after the importer has been given the opportunity to meet import requirements (e.g. obtaining relevant permits).
	The term 'conventional firearms' does not include firearm categories such as imitations, airguns, BB guns and paintball guns, but includes all other firearms. The statistics for imitations, air guns, parts and accessories does not include paintball firearms, replicas of historical firearms such as flintlocks or other black powder firearms and all parts, accessories or magazines for the same.