



Data - the Foundation of any Firearm Trace Program

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- A Federation of States and Territories

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Briefly discuss aspects of firearm management in Australia before 1996 NFA – next four slides

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- National Registration implemented in 1996

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1996 Firearm Buy-Back

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Discuss exactly what the buy-back bought back – what firearm types did it remove from private ownership ? Restricted or prohibited – misconceptions.

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- Resources
- Education
- Data quality
- Industry engagement

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Highlight some of the key factors which impact upon a successful registration system

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The screenshot shows the ACC Firearm Trace Request web form. At the top, there is the ACC logo and a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for 'Organised crime', 'Media centre', 'Publications', 'About us', 'Careers', and 'Firearms trace request'. The main heading is 'Firearms trace request'. Below this, there is a message: 'You have already submitted this form. View your previous submissions.' followed by a 'Logout' button. A prompt says 'Please enter your request into the form below.' The form itself is titled 'Firearms details' and contains several input fields: 'Serial Number', 'Serial Number Status' (dropdown), 'Serial Number Location' (dropdown), 'State Of Licence/Residence' (dropdown), 'AFID Template Number', 'Other Details', 'Manufacturer' (dropdown), 'Model', and 'Calibre' (dropdown).

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Explain the ACC Web based trace request function – the need for clear digital images – ACC FTP creates the only evidence based picture of the illicit firearm market in Australia. Explain Gray-Market terminology – explain access to NFID CrimTrac and ACC’s involvement in creating templates

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- Commenced in 2004
- 1.8 million unique transaction records
- Creates a national picture of the illicit market
- Strong relationship with industry participants
- Makes available historical firearm activity

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Discuss briefly the ACC FTP

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□ Industry relationships



1950

2006

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Discuss the number of known firearms within Australia – discuss ACC liaising with industry to obtain facts of production figures/participants and loop-holes – ACC have spoken to both owners of Sporting Arms Adelaide Australia in relation to what they made and quantities - Australian production comprised mainly sporting firearms but also a small number of legally imported 'military style' firearms. What firearms were manufactured at Lithgow and by civilian manufacturers? – current manufacture within Australia – Thales at Lithgow. Discuss Buy-back figures of 642000 given to government for compensation.

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Firearm dealers assist the ACC with supplying historical firearm transaction log books

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- Lithgow SAF firearm manufacture

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- Identifies known diversion methods
- Identifies persons engaged in trafficking
- Identifies firearm types in the illicit market
- Allows sharing of intelligence between agencies

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Due to compulsory registration of handguns long before 1996
Handguns are not regarded as part of the gray market.

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Explain the gray market

Historical Source of Illicit Firearms

Deactivation and interstate movement



Gray Market



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Discuss known diversion methods identified by collection of historical data and implementing a trace program.

Contemporary Source of Illicit Firearms

Illegal Importation



Theft from licenced owners



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Use of known data

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Use of data collection to identify illicit firearms

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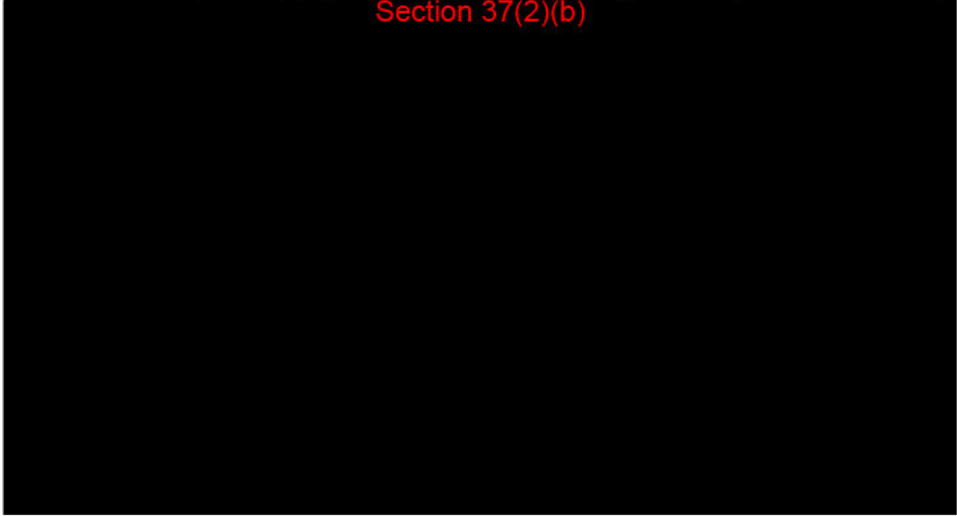
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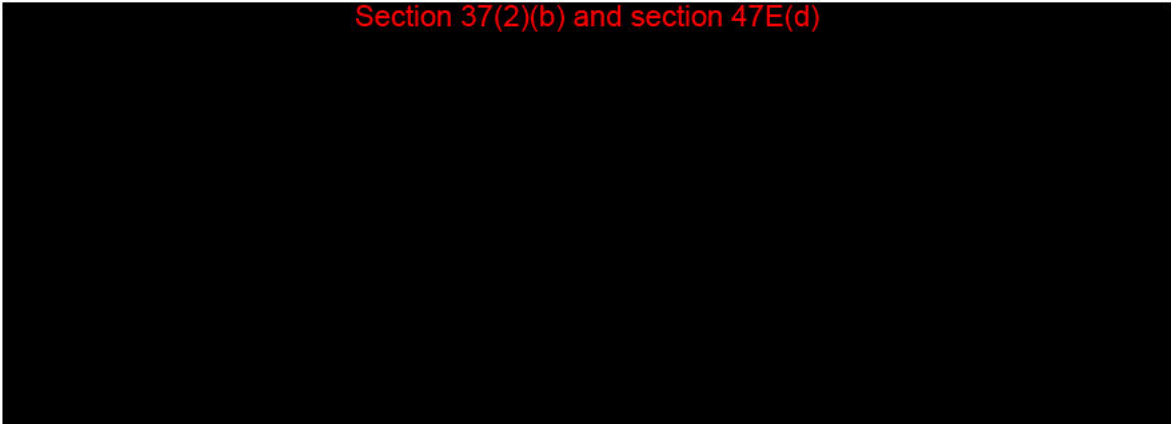
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