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*Dear Mr Craig,*

**To ask the Minister how many civilians are currently in legal possession of a firearm.** 7527/10

The above mentioned question was placed before the Minister of Justice, who has deemed that this is an operational matter for the Police Service of Northern Ireland. Therefore the Chief Constable has been asked to respond directly.

There were 61,266 firearm certificate holders in Northern Ireland as of 23 June 2010.

If you have any queries regarding this response, please address your correspondence to Command Secretariat, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland BT5 6LE.

I trust this is of assistance.

*Yours sincerely,  
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