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Dear Mr McKay,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many civilians are currently in possession of a legally held firearm, broken down by religion.

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.

When an application is made for a Firearms Certificate there is no request made of the applicant to supply or indicate their religion. The PSNI therefore do not have the information to answer the question.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McCaughan'.

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