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*Dear Mr Burns,*

**To ask the Minister of Justice to detail (i) the total number of (a) firearms; (b) live ammunition; and (c) blank ammunition lost or misplaced by, or stolen from, the PSNI in each of the last ten years; (ii) the types of firearms and ammunition lost, misplaced or stolen; (iii) the length of time for which each item was lost or misplaced; and (iv) whether each item was found or remains missing.**

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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.

In the last ten years there have been seven service issue firearms reported misplaced/lost or stolen. In that same period there has been no reports of ammunition, either live or blank firing, having been misplaced, lost or stolen.

Of the seven firearms referred to, there were five Glock handguns stolen, in addition to a Walther pistol and a Ruger revolver having been reported lost or misplaced. The Walther pistol was reported lost/misplaced in January 2004, and the Ruger revolver in March 2006.

The five Glock handguns referred to above were reported stolen in

- September 2004
- December 2004
- July 2008
- November 2008
- August 2009

To date all the aforementioned items remain outstanding

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I trust this is of assistance.

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