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Dear Mr McKay,

To ask the Minister of Justice how many civilians have been in legal possession of a firearm in each of the last ten years. 7685/10

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.

The information you have requested is contained in the appended table.

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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FIREARMS CERTIFICATE HOLDERS IN THE LAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
2001	80,809
2002	80,113
2003	79,223
2004	78,066
2005	76,680
2006	70,983
2007	65,129
2008	62,083
2009	61,977
2010	61,266