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Mr. Dennis Young C/o Garry Breitkreuz, M.P. Room 452D, Centre Block House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is further to your request of December 17, 2001, filed under the *Access to Information Act* to obtain:

Since December 1, 1998, copies of records and reports that show the number and types of firearms that have been confiscated as a result of firearms licences that have been refused and revoked and as a result of court ordered firearms prohibitions.

I must advise you that a search of the records under the control of the Department of Justice has revealed none on this subject. The Canadian Firearms Centre informs us that the Canadian Firearms Registry does not keep statistics on the confiscation of firearms. The Canadian Firearms Registry is notified on the destruction of firearms, but not the reason(s) for their destruction. It is important to note that not all firearms confiscated are destroyed; some may be transferred to another person.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, do not hesitate to contact Michèle Babin at (613) 941-9922.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the non-existence of records under the control of this Department within one year from the date when your request was received in this Office (December 20, 2001). In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Information Commissioner Tower B, Place de Ville 112 Kent Street, 22nd Floor Ottawa, Ontario KIA 1H3

Sincerely,

Kerri Clark Director