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HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Mr. Young:

This letter is further to your request of March 7, 2002, filed under the *Access to Information Act* to obtain reports that show the number of firearms in the Canadian Firearms Registry that have the same make and serial number.

I am pleased to enclose a one-page document relevant to your request, released in its entirety under the *Access to Information Act*.

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

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Please provide copies of the reports that show the number of firearms in the Canadian Firearms Registry that have the same make and serial number; for example, the number of Winchesters with the same serial number.

The number of firearms that have the same make and serial number in the Canadian Firearms Registration System (CFRS) is: 59,600 different combinations for a total of 151,000 firearms.

In the Restricted Weapon Registration System (RWRS) there are 24, 244 different combinations for a total of 71, 991.

It should be pointed out that the request addresses make and serial number only. Up until approx. 1968 many manufacturers utilized the same serial number configurations on different "models". Therefore, without utilizing "model", the requested figures are disproportionate to the firearms that are truly the same.

Totals 83,844 combinations = 222,911 firearms