

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2018**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise the Assembly of –

- (a) the number of firearms certificates currently issued in the Island, broken down by Parish;
- (b) the number of firearms held by private citizens, broken down by Parish;
- (c) the amount of ammunition held by private citizens, broken down by Parish;
- (d) the number of firearms held by the States of Jersey Police;
- (e) the amount of ammunition held by the States of Jersey Police; and
- (f) how many States of Jersey Police Officers are trained in the use of firearms?

**Answer**

The information requested in (a) and (b) is set out in the table below.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Firearm Certificates</u>	<u>Number of Firearms</u>
St Helier	179	1282
St Saviour	142	891
St Brelade	164	1392
St Clement	69	555
St Peter	112	700
St John	91	1123
Trinity	79	326
Grouville	87	513
St Ouen	152	1064
St Mary	45	268
St Martin	101	474
St Lawrence	101	574
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>1322</u></b>	<b><u>9162</u></b>

- (c) Article 3 (4) (b) and (c) of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000 requires that, when making a decision to grant a firearm certificate, the Connétable must be satisfied that an applicant has a good reason for possessing, purchasing or acquiring the firearm or ammunition in respect of an application, and that this can be held without danger to the public safety or to the peace.

As is set out in the Firearms (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2011, the maximum amount of ammunition that a person will ordinarily be permitted to possess at any time is 5,000 rounds. An applicant who wishes to possess a greater amount will need to show good reason why he or she should be permitted to do so, in accordance with the provisions of the 2000 Law as outlined above.

The questions asked in (d), (e) and (f) are operational matters for the States of Jersey Police. It would not be appropriate for the Minister to provide details of the full firearms capability of the States of Jersey Police. To do so could potentially jeopardise that capability during future operations.