

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2008**

**Question**

“Following statements by the States of Jersey Police regarding the alleged possession of machine guns (including a single-shot machine gun) by Islanders, would the Minister advise how many successful prosecutions, if any, there have been?”

**Answer**

In the two years since comment was made regarding the alleged possession of machine guns I can confirm that the States of Jersey Police have undertaken 23 separate investigations into incidents involving potential firearms offences. Of these 23, two investigations have involved firearms believed capable of discharging more than one round with one single pull of the trigger. Of these two, neither resulted in a prosecution: one was found to involve a de-activated firearm and the other will not be proceeded with on the advice of the Law Officers Department.

In total, 27 individual persons have been investigated for firearms offences of whom 13 have been convicted before the Royal or Magistrates Courts; 5 have been formally dealt with through the Parish Hall system; 2 have been charged and await the outcome of their cases before the Court; 1 has been charged but the charge was not proceeded with; 3 were considered to have committed no crimes after the investigation and there are 3 current ongoing investigations awaiting finalisation or a formal decision to prosecute.

Of those cases investigated, the firearms involved have included 3 machine guns; rifles; shotguns; revolvers; handguns; air rifles and air pistols.