

**Question for written answer E-000181/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of the Firearms Directive: misuse of category B firearms

In preparation for the revision of the Firearms Directive (Directive 91/477/EEC as amended by Directive 2008/51/EC), the Commission presented a report on the implementation of the Firearms Directive to the European Parliament and the Council on 18 November, together with its proposed measures to address identified gaps.

Lowri Evans, the Director-General of GROW, stated on behalf of President Junker: 'This report indicated that there are indeed specific loopholes in the Firearms legislation which have allowed for firearms to be used in criminal activities. As an example, the report highlights that in certain Member States, a significant number of crimes are actually committed with legal firearms... [T]he report pointed out that some semi-automatic firearms can be transformed into automatic firearms and thus represent a real threat to security.'

How many of the annual 1 000 (or 10 000 over the last decade) firearms-related homicides have been committed using legally held firearms or stolen firearms that previously belonged to legal owners? Please report figures for the last 10 years, broken down by firearms category A, B, C, D, and by Member State.

How many weapons transformed into automatic firearms that had previously been registered as semi-automatic firearms for law-abiding gun owners have been misused in the last 10 years? Please report figures by Member State and by category B1 to B7.