

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4058/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Gun laws in Turkey

In the first five months of 2003, 1094 people were killed and 10 513 were injured by guns in Turkey. On 7 July 2003, two-and-a-half-year-old Alistair Grimason was shot by a stray bullet while sleeping in a pushchair in a café. The Turkish Government has since made moves to tighten its laws on firearms crime.

Is the Commission aware of these statistics, and can it confirm whether it will consider matters such as the prevalence of firearms and the legislation on firearm possession and gun crimes, when considering the application of countries for EU membership?