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The State's Own Firearm Data Leaves Government Nowhere To Hide

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Parliament asked three linked questions about State firearm leakage, firearm deaths and firearm murders. Read together, they expose a policy contradiction Government can no longer ignore – but they also require disciplined interpretation.

Recent media coverage converted the Acting Minister's figures into the claim: "You are 100 times more likely to be shot and killed by an illegal firearm than by a gun which is properly licensed."

The wording captures the scale of the disparity, but it goes further than the data establish.

Dividing 41,297 by 393 produces a **count ratio of approximately 105 to 1**. It means that, within the two murder categories reported by the Minister over four years, approximately 105 murders were attributed to unlicensed firearms for everyone attributed to a legal firearm used by its licensed owner.

It does not calculate an individual's risk probability of being shot by either category.

A defensible risk statement would require reliable denominators and exposure data: the size and characteristics of the relevant populations, the number of firearms in each category, time and circumstances of exposure, location and comparable victim groups.

This data was not supplied. **That distinction is not academic.** Turning a raw count comparison into a personal-risk claim is technically unsound and strategically dangerous. It allows an otherwise powerful pattern in the State's own figures to be attacked because the wording overreaches the evidence.

What the Minister's Figures Actually Show

Across four full financial years, the Acting Minister's reported figures show a remarkably consistent pattern:

Year	Unlicensed firearm	Legal firearm used by licensed owner	Unlicensed share
2022/23	10,613	120	98.88%
2023/24	10,911	90	99.18%
2024/25	10,450	108	98.98%
2025/26	9,323	75	99.20%
4 years	41,297	393	99.06%

According to the reported classification, 41,297 firearm murders involved unlicensed firearms, compared with 393 involving a legal firearm used by its licensed owner – approximately 105 to one. In 2025/26 alone, the count ratio was approximately 124 to one.

Within the two categories supplied, 99.06% of the reported murders involved unlicensed firearms.

Those are not SAGA's numbers and that matters. They are the State's reported figures, supplied in response to

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a Parliamentary question that expressly asked about people murdered using a legal firearm used by a licensed owner compared with an unlicensed firearm. **That word – murdered – matters.**

Parliament Asked Three Different Questions

On 8 May 2026, Wouter Wessels MP put three consecutive written questions, 2490, 2491 and 2492 to the Acting Minister of Police. Read together, they form an important chain:

- **Question 2490 – State firearm leakage.** It asks how many SAPS firearms and rounds of ammunition were stolen, lost or went missing; where this occurred; what SAPS has done about it; and whether people, including SAPS members, have been arrested or found guilty.
- **Question 2491 – firearm deaths.** It asks how many people died due to firearms used by four categories, expressly including licensed firearm owners acting in self-defence. That is a death question – not a murder question.
- **Question 2492 – firearm murders.** Here Parliament changes the language. It asks how many people were murdered using a legal firearm used by a licensed owner compared with an unlicensed firearm. It also asks how many murders involved unlicensed firearms previously in the possession of SAPS, the SANDF or metro police.

Death Is Not Murder – and Lawful Private Defence Is Not Murder

South African criminal law draws a clear line. Murder is the unlawful and intentional killing of another person. A firearm death describes an outcome: a firearm caused a person's death. It does not, by itself, establish whether the shooting was lawful or criminal.

Where the requirements of lawful private defence are satisfied and an attacker dies, a firearm death has occurred – but the defender has not committed murder. The defensive act is lawful.

The fact of death answers one question: did someone die? Murder answers a different legal question: was the killing unlawful and intentional? A lawful private-defence shooting can answer the first question yes, and the second, no.

- **Firearm death** = a description of the outcome.
- **Murder** = an unlawful and intentional killing.
- **Lawful private defence causing death** = a death but not murder by the defender.

That is precisely why Q2491 matters. Parliament separately asked for deaths caused by licensed firearm owners acting in self-defence. If lawful defensive deaths were folded into the 393 in Q2492, SAPS would have answered a murder question with non-murder data.

Parliament itself distinguishes the categories:

Q2491 asks about firearm deaths, expressly including self-defence; Q2492 asks about persons murdered with firearms.

The State Has a Measurement Problem: Did SAPS Actually Mean Murder?

If SAPS used the term **murder** correctly, the position is straightforward: lawful private-defence deaths should already have been excluded from the 393. There is therefore nothing to subtract. The figure should represent the State's reported classification of murders involving legal firearms used by licensed firearm owners.

If it does not, then the Police have answered a murder question with non-murder data, and the reliability of the entire comparison must be examined.

*41,297 murders involving unlicensed firearms.
393 murders involving legal firearms used by licensed firearm owners.
Approximately 105 to 1 – murder compared with murder.*

One important evidentiary qualification remains:

393 is not necessarily 393 convictions. The Acting Minister has not publicly explained whether the figure reflects initial SAPS case classifications, completed investigations, prosecutions, convictions or another administrative classification.

SAGA therefore does not describe these as 393 proven murders by licensed firearm owners. We describe them precisely for what the information presently establishes: the Police's reported murder classification.

If SAPS did not mean murder, the dataset has a classification problem. If lawful defensive deaths

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were included in the 393, Parliament was answered with data that did not correspond with the question it asked. The licensed-firearm figure would contain deaths that were not murders. The same discipline must apply to the unlicensed-firearm side. Unlawful possession of a firearm is itself an offence, but it does not automatically make every resulting death a murder. The possession offence and the lawfulness of the killing are separate legal questions.

If SAPS blurred firearm death and firearm murder, both sides of Q2492 require auditing. That is not a problem with SAGA's arithmetic. It is a problem with the State's classification – and with the reliability of any policy conclusion built on it.

Then There Are the State's Own Guns

According to the Acting Minister's reported reply, 142 people were murdered over the four-year period using unlicensed firearms previously in SAPS possession, with another 14 involving firearms previously held by the SANDF.

That is at least 156 reported murders involving unlicensed firearms previously held by SAPS and the SANDF alone.

This sits alongside SAPS's own annual reporting that 2,055 SAPS-owned firearms were confirmed stolen or lost in three years:

742 in 2022/23.

741 in 2023/24.

572 in 2024/25.

Even the reduced 2024/25 figure equates to roughly 1.6 SAPS firearms confirmed stolen or lost every day. Government therefore faces a policy contradiction it can no longer simply legislate around.

Licensed firearm owners undergo competency requirements, background checks, licensing, renewals and regulated safe-storage obligations. **Criminals do not.**

Yet Government repeatedly directs additional regulatory energy towards the compliant population while unlicensed firearms overwhelmingly dominate its own reported murder classifications and State-owned firearms continue to leak into illicit circulation.

That is not an argument for less firearm responsi-

bility. It is an argument for applying responsibility where the evidence shows the greatest public-safety failure actually lies.

What the Data Can – and Cannot – Support

The figures do not calculate personal risk.

They **do not** tell us that any individual is 100 or 105 times more likely to be shot by one firearm category than another. They also do not, without published definitions and case methodology, establish final criminal liability in every case.

They do however establish a vast and consistent disparity in the State's own reported murder counts: unlicensed firearms account for 99.06% of the two categories supplied. That is a policy signal Government cannot responsibly ignore.

Government's own commissioned research has already pointed in the same broad direction. The Civilian Secretariat for Police Service asked the Wits School of Governance to examine the effect of the Firearms Control Act on crime.

The report found little evidence that the FCA itself caused the decline in crime rates over the period examined and identified strong and sustained policing as a necessary condition for reducing firearm-related crime.

That does not make firearm regulation irrelevant. It makes the policy lesson harder to avoid regulation cannot substitute for effective policing, tracing, investigation and prosecution.

If 99.06% of the murders within the two firearm categories supplied by Government involve unlicensed firearms, why does Government continue directing so much legislative attention towards further restricting those already licensed?

The data does not justify complacency about lawful firearm ownership. It demands proportionality: policy, policing and enforcement must reflect the scale, source and distribution of harm revealed by the evidence.

Publish the Evidence – Then Follow It

SAGA is not asking Government to accept our interpretation of its statistics. We are asking Government to publish enough information for Parliament, researchers and the public to test the State's own figures.

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At publication, the Q2492 written reply has been publicly reported and quoted. SAGA has not located Parliament-hosted replies to Q2490 or Q2491. Q2491 is particularly important because it specifically asks for self-defence deaths that should not form part of a murder count.

We therefore call on Parliament to:

- publish the complete official replies to Questions 2490, 2491 and 2492, with every annexure; if Q2490 or Q2491 remains unanswered, answer it;
- publish the definitions and methodology used and explain precisely what the 393 represents, including whether lawful private-defence deaths were excluded;
- publish the denominators and exposure data needed to calculate rates or risk, rather than permitting raw counts to be presented as personal probabilities;
- publish firearm-source and tracing data, including the methodology behind firearms identified as previously belonging to SAPS, SANDF and metro police; and
- prioritise violent criminals, illegal-firearm syndicates, trafficking, corruption, theft and diversion, while strengthening tracing, investigation, prosecution and State-armoury accountability.

Methodological scrutiny is necessary. It does not make 41,297 disappear, turn 393 into 41,297, or erase the fact that 99.06% of the reported murders within the two categories involved unlicensed firearms. But methodological discipline cuts both ways: SAGA should defend the approximately 105-to-one count disparity without converting it into an unsupported '100 times more likely' claim.

Evidence Must Drive Policy – Not Policy Drive the Search for Evidence

Our ask of the Acting Minister of Police is:

- * Target violent criminals.
- * Disrupt illegal-firearm syndicates, trafficking and diversion.
- * Secure State armouries and police stations.
- * Trace crime firearms and publish the results.
- * Investigate corruption, theft and negligent losses.
- * Prosecute those responsible and strengthen the criminal-justice chain.

Stop using ever greater restrictions on the compliant as a substitute for confronting the criminal.

You Do Not Solve the 41,297 By Regulating the 393 Harder.

You address 41,297 by confronting the illegal-firearm ecosystem that feeds it: violent offenders, illicit supply, theft, diversion, corruption, weak tracing and failed prosecution.

If Government believes its own figures do not support that conclusion, the answer is straightforward:

- * Publish the definitions.
- * Publish the methodology.
- * Publish the complete data.

The State supplied the numbers. Now the State must explain what it intends to do about them.

Footnotes - Parliamentary Questions: operative wording

1. Question 2490 – NW2568E, 8 May 2026: Asked for the number of firearms and ammunition of each type and calibre stolen, lost or missing, broken down by police station, province and financial year; what SAPS had done to combat such losses; and whether persons, including SAPS members, had been arrested and/or found guilty.

2. Question 2491 – NW2569E, 8 May 2026: Asked how many persons had "died due to a firearm used by (i) a licensed firearm owner in self-defence", separately including SAPS members, metro-police members and criminals.

3. Question 2492 – NW2570E, 8 May 2026: Asked how many persons had "been murdered by (i) a legal firearm used by a licensed firearm owner and/or (ii) using an unlicensed firearm", and how many murders involved unlicensed firearms previously in SAPS, SANDF or metro-police possession.

Source: Parliament of South Africa, Internal Question Paper No. 15, 8 May 2026, pp 815-816

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The Fire Control Sequence: 3 Steps to Perfect Round Placement



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by Steve Tarani
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If you want to hit your target, you need three things: a gun, a target and a method by which to hit that target with that gun. Shooting well is the result of a specific process. Consistent fire control is the application of that process compressed into three sequential steps.

The shooting process is simply this: bring stability to alignment and press the round off without disturbing that alignment. These core mechanics have been around since handguns first entered into practical use, and they are very simple to understand. But given realistic pressure, it's not easy. Only the well-trained can truly pull it off.

Added degrees of difficulty, like a compressed time frame, longer distances and penalties, demand a much higher level of skill. Skill level is determined by three precise steps that must be run in an exact order every time. Run them correctly, and hits become predictable. If you miss a step, cut corners or do anything out of sequence, then misses become predictable.

These steps are equally as applicable to long guns, but since pistols are more difficult to stabilize, let's start with drawing from the holster in an example where sighted fire is necessary.

Step one: draw out from your holster like your life depends on it. Punch it out there quickly

like you're striking the target with your fist. A hard, fast punch.

When it goes right: you get a firm strong-hand grip exactly the way you want it, flawlessly linked up with your support hand and landing with your muzzle right in the exact center of the target.

What can go wrong? Bad initial grip. You had to make adjustments on the way out with either hand. The muzzle position wasn't even close.

Step two is visual verification. Using either irons or a dot, you have a very short time to call the shot. If it's good, then move on to step three. If not, you will need to make micro-corrections. Micro corrections are needed because of any unnecessary input into the gun on the way out or at the very top of your drawstroke. Input and corrections cost time.

The **third and final step** is the trigger press without disturbing alignment. It requires the greatest amount of control and discipline. What can go wrong? Change in grip pressure, applying 6 pounds of pressure on a 3-pound trigger.

You have different tools on board that you can use for each step.

Step one requires pure body feel. You don't have your sights up yet, so there's no visual process or confirmation whatsoever at this point.

Everything in step one is about allowing your body to first establish stability and then ensure that stability is aligned. Physically, you can use your kinesthetic alignment based on your proprioceptors.

Establishing an initial and positive strong hand grip, followed by an equally, if not more, stabilizing two-handed grip is the crux. Too loose, and it increases your arc of wobble. Too tight, and it can cause tension and tremors.

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When punching the gun out, you want the muzzle to stop exactly where you want it. Anything short of the visual center of your target requires micro inputs prior to visual confirmation. Even though most shooters use the term "visual confirmation," most don't realize that confirmation is the fruit of your initial kinesthetic alignment. The body aligns, the eyes verify.

Step two depends on if you are shooting irons or optics. If irons, it's a focal-plane shift from hard-target focus back to the front sight, or at least to the front of the muzzle. If you're using a carry optic, you stay target-focused and remain simply aware of the dot.

Either way, you don't have all day. You only have time for rapid verification. If you do not have alignment, you will need to make time-consuming micro-adjustments.

Lastly, there is the trigger press. You simply press the trigger toward the rear of the trigger guard without disturbing muzzle-target alignment. Here's the tough part: Most common errors are a micro-change in grip pressure, a slight involuntary jerk or tug, loss of visual focus, loss of patience, pressed too soon or too late.

Sequence is everything with fire control. If you do everything right but it's out of sequence? Sorry, Charlie. The psychological part of this is equally important as the physical mechanics. Your levels of control and discipline are painfully or proudly displayed by your round placement.

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Motivation Matters: What's Your Reason for Using Firearms?

by Becky Yackley
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Many women grow up in families where they see their mothers pattern a life of service to the family. Activities like hunting or target shooting at the range might seem outside the scope of what most mothers do. But your motivation for using firearms matters. Here is why you should find your personal reason to get out on the range and/or hunt.

Participation Matters

For multiple reasons, it's important for women to engage in hunting and shooting sports. It's good for themselves, good for their families – and society as a whole.

First, women should be confident and capable with firearms. This doesn't mean you have to instruct a class, and it doesn't mean they must learn every last thing about guns, but it does mean that you should be able to look at the guns in your own home and speak intelligently about them – as well as load, unload and operate them.

If your children tell you, "Mom, Dad left a gun on his dresser," you should be able to safely handle it, safely clear it or check if it is loaded, and lock it away.

You should also be comfortable teaching your own children about firearm safety and what to do if they come across a gun in someone else's home. Knowing how to handle situations that you or your children might have to navigate is one of the key reasons that even if you don't own a gun, you still should understand them!

You also should be capable of using the guns that are in your home to defend yourself and your family. Again, this doesn't mean you have to become an expert tactician, it just means having a basic level of proficiency with what is in your own home. Just as you can work a security alarm or doorbell camera, you should be able to manipulate the firearms that are in your house.



As we see growing video evidence of just how true it is that law enforcement is often too far away to help you in an emergency, it is more clear than ever that basic skills with firearms can save lives.

Claim your Equality

The second reason women should participate in activities with firearms is so that their children understand that women can be providers of safety. Firearms are the great equalizer, and women should claim that equality!

And again, this doesn't mean that you would take over home-defense if your husband is there and your family plan is that you stay with your children and get them to a safe place. But reality dictates that you should be prepared for those times that you are the only parent at home.

Gender expectations aside, each adult should be competent enough to carry out whatever task your home-defense plan requires. For the men reading this, consider that your wife is strengthened by learning how to use a firearm. Finding quality instruction that helps her step into the role of protector is not just wise; it should be part of family life.

Many couples will also tell you that husbands are not always the best instructors for their wives, or vice versa. For women who have never used firearms or received training, seeing another woman handle and use firearms confidently can inspire confidence in themselves. It is not especially motivating for a small woman who has never used a firearm to watch a 6-foot-tall man do things she has

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never tried. But show her a woman of similar size and stature, and terms like "proper mechanics" and "fundamentals of marksmanship" begin to feel relevant.

Children seeing women who are capable and confident with firearms breeds future generations of capable and confident human beings. You don't want your children living in fear, frightened of noises in the night. You want to teach them not to be paralyzed by fear, but rather to use fear as a sign that you can take action and do something to be more secure.

Let Yourself Enjoy Experimenting

The third reason to participate in using firearms is to enjoy the fun that is there to be had. The shooting sports and hunting are full of so many good people and so many opportunities to test yourself.

Often, you're testing much more than your skill using a firearm; in the shooting sports, you're testing your memory, your decision-making capacity under stress, and reacting to stimuli outside of your control. It is a great feeling to master a skill or scenario that you might have other times thought overwhelming.

Maybe your goal is to meet more women and build a friend group – firearms or shooting events might just happen to be an ave-

nue to meet others with similar beliefs. Female-focused gun groups tied to various organizations often hold ladies nights and other female-centered events.

More women using firearms also leads to having more households in our country capable of defending themselves from harm. That is a net-positive for society.

Perhaps you need to experiment with hunting seasons and what game you want to cook. I grew up deer hunting and never experienced duck hunting until I was an adult. I was shocked at the differences: I can talk as much as I want and I don't have to stay out in the cold all day. It's a win-win! Also, pot pie is one dish I'm always happy to make, and bird hunting took on a new interest with that angle (especially pheasant). Just the type of game and what you can cook might impact your decision to hunt. But the family traditions and building memories with your loved ones is a real reason hunting appeals to so many around the world.

So don't let your participation in using firearms be dictated by past experiences. Go find what it is in the shooting sports or hunting seasons that appeals to you and enjoy the things you can do!

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Price: R380



Softshell Jacket

This quality softshell jacket is a Barron brand and is available in black with the simplified SAGA 40 Year logo embroidered on the front left chest.

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