

**Reporting country: Australia****Calendar year: 2019**

Report of international conventional arms transfers (according to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 46/36 L and 58/54)

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**Exports**

Category	Trading partner	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location(s)	Description of items	Comments on the transfer
I. Battle tanks	United States	1	None		WWII M3 Lee tank	Museum display
II. Armoured combat vehicles	United States	1	None			
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	Canada	23	None			
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	Germany	2	None			
VI. Warships	Chile	2	None			

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II. Armoured combat vehicles	Germany	1	None		Boxer 8x8 Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle	Initial vehicle part of LAND 1400 Phase 2 Block I
III. Large calibre artillery systems	United States	126	None		M252 81mm Mortar	A total of 176 were procured. Of the 176, 50 mortars have been imported/delivered and are in location in Australia
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	Australia	3	United States	Canada	F/A-18A/B Aircraft	Assets sold to RCAF as part of Classic Hornet Withdrawal Program
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	United States	8	None		F-35A Lightning II Multi-role combat aircraft	Via cooperative program
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	United States	4	None		P-8A Poseidon Maritime Patrol Aircraft	Via cooperative program
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	United States	not declared	None		AGM/RGM/UGM-84 Harpoon Missile	Acquired through US foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales. Number withheld.
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	United States	not declared	None		AIM-9X Sidewinder	Purchased through Foreign Military Sales Number withheld.
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	United States	not declared	None		AIM-9 Air Intercept Missile	AIM-9 Air Intercept Missile Number withheld.
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	United States	not declared	None		(AMRAAM) AIM-120 Advance Medium Range Air to Air Missile	AIM-9 Air Intercept Missile Number withheld.

## Military holdings

Category	Number of items	Description of items	Comments on the transfer
I. Battle tanks	59	Abrams M1A1 Main Battle Tank	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	13	M88A2 Armoured Recovery Vehicle	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	253	ASLAV 8 Wheeled Light Armoured Vehicles	

II. Armoured combat vehicles	431	M113AS4	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	986	Bushmaster Vehicle	Procured through national production
II. Armoured combat vehicles	3	Boxer 8x8 Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles	
II. Armoured combat vehicles	138	Protected Mobility Vehicles - Light (Hawkei)	Procured through national production
II. Armoured combat vehicles	89	SUPACAT HMT	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	50	M252 81mm Mortar	50 systems have been delivered, 126 systems are to be delivered to complete the procurement of 176 systems
III. Large calibre artillery systems	3	Howitzer, Light, Towed 105mm, Ceremonial	Ceremonial use only
III. Large calibre artillery systems	182	Mortar Equipment 81mm F2	Scheduled for withdrawal 2020
III. Large calibre artillery systems	1	Gun Equipment 105mm, Field, L119, F1	Currently undergoing withdrawal/disposal
III. Large calibre artillery systems	54	Howitzer, Medium, Towed Gun Equipment, 155MM, M777A2	
III. Large calibre artillery systems	40	Howitzer, Light, Towed M2A2, Salute Purpose	Ceremonial use only
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	18	F-35A Lightning II Multi-role combat aircraft	Via cooperative program
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	24	F/A-18F Super Hornets	
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	11	EA-18G Growlers	
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	12	P-8A Poseidon	via cooperative program; four aircraft delivered in this reporting period (2019)
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	2	AP-3C Orion	

IV. (a) Combat aircraft	6	E-7A Wedgetail	
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	33	E-7A Wedgetail	
IV. (a) Combat aircraft	68	F/A-18A/B Hornet	Currently undergoing progressive withdrawal/disposal. 24 of 71 aircraft withdrawn from service as at 31 December 2019 of which three were transferred to Canada via sale
V. Attack helicopters	22	C655 Tiger	
V. Attack helicopters	24	MH-60R Seahawk	
VI. Warships	6	Submarines (Collins Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	2	DDG (Hobart Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	2	FFG (Adelaide Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	8	FFH (ANZAC Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	2	Replenishment (Sirius, Success)	HMAS Success decommissioned June 2019
VI. Warships	1	Landing Ship Dock (HMAS Choules)	
VI. Warships	1	ADV Ocean Protector	
VI. Warships	2	Landing Helicopter Dock	
VI. Warships	13	Patrol Boats (Armidale Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	2	Patrol Boats (Cape Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	2	HS (Leeuwin Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	4	SML (Paluma Class)	Procurement through national production
VI. Warships	4	MHC (Huon Class)	Procurement through national production
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	RBS70 Short Range Air Defence System	Number withheld
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	Standard Missile 2 (SM-2) Navy Surface-to -Air Missile	Number withheld
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	AGM/RGM/UGM-84 Harpoon Missile Air, Ship and Underwater launched Maritime Strike Missile	Number withheld

VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	Hellfire Missile Army/Navy Air to Surface Missile	Number withheld
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System (APKWS) Navy Air-to-Surface rocket	Number withheld
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	AIM-9 Air Intercept Missile Air-to-air Missile	Number withheld
VII. (a) Missiles and missile launchers	not declared	AIM-120 Advance Medium Range Air to Air Missile Air-to-air Missile	Number withheld

## Procurement

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## Related policies

### Aggregated Small Arms and Light Weapons Exports and Imports 2019

Exports: Total permits issued: 164 Total number of items: 7496 Total value: \$3,390,255 Imports: Handguns Rifles Shotguns Military\* Air Firearms Total 6942 57724 18172 4969 9157 96964 Figures do not include imitation firearm and paintball markers. Figures include blank firing firearms. \*Military firearms may include large calibre anti-materiel weapons

### Small arms exports

Category	Trading partner	Number of items	State of origin (if not exporter)	Intermediate location(s)	Description of items	Comments on the transfer
6. Others	Austria	52	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Belarus	30	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Brazil	18	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Canada	4	None			3 permits granted
6. Others	China	314	None			4 permits granted
6. Others	Cyprus	34	None			2 permits granted
6. Others	Fiji	1	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	France	21	None			3 permits granted

6. Others	France	1	None			1 permit granted - French Polynesia
6. Others	France	101	None			3 permits granted - New Caledonia
6. Others	Germany	51	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	India	21	None			20 permits granted
6. Others	Indonesia	4	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Rep. of Korea	5	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Malaysia	17	None			2 permits granted
6. Others	Malta	1	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Mongolia	9	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Netherlands	1	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	New Zealand	6186	None			43 permits granted
6. Others	Oman	14	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Pakistan	1	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Papua New Guinea	18	None			12 permits granted
6. Others	Samoa	1	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Solomon Islands	121	None			2 permits granted
6. Others	South Africa	4	None			2 permits granted
6. Others	Switzerland	3	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	Thailand	14	None			1 permit granted
6. Others	United Kingdom	126	None			16 permits granted
6. Others	United States	313	None			34 permits granted

### Light weapons exports

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Exports

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Imports

**Volumes of firearms^ commercially imported into Australia 2019**

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>Handguns</b>	<b>Rifles</b>	<b>Shotguns</b>	<b>Military*</b>	<b>Air Firearms</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2019</b>	6942	57724	18172	4969	9157	<b>96964</b>

Figures based on data extract of FIDs with tariff 93010000 to 93069999, extracted from the ICS (CRE) on 29 Apr 2020

^Figures do not include imitation firearm and paintball markers. Figures include blank firing firearms.

\*Military firearms may include large calibre anti-materiel weapons

Overall volumes are similar to the past three years

Sub category volumes are broadly in line with 2016, 2017 and 2018 volumes, except for a decrease in handguns, and an increase in military firearm imports

The volume of air firearms has returned to a 2017 volume, this may be due to improved reporting no longer capturing some soft-air firearms and gel-ball launchers as air firearms.

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## Source of information

Data reflects authorized transfers only

## Explanatory Notes

(a) Member States that do not have anything to report should file a "nil report" stating that no exports or imports have taken place in any of the categories during the reporting period.

(b) International arms transfers involve, in addition to the physical movement of equipment into or from national territory, the transfer of title to and control over the equipment. Member States are invited to provide with their return a concise explanation of national criteria used to determine when an arms transfer becomes effective. (See paragraph 42 of the annex to document A/49/316.)

(c) In the "Remarks" column Member States may wish to describe the item transferred by entering the designation, type, model or any other information considered relevant. Member States may also wish to use the "Remarks" column to explain or clarify aspects relevant to the transfer.

(d) Multiple-launch rocket systems are covered by the definition of category III. Rockets qualifying for registration are covered under category VII. MANPADS should be reported if the MANPADS system is supplied as a complete unit, i.e. the missile and launcher/grip-stock form an integral unit. In addition, individual launching mechanisms or grip-stock should also be reported. Individual missiles, not supplied with a launching mechanism or grip stock need not be reported.

(e) Check any of the following provided as part of your submission:

**When reporting transfers, which criterion, drawn from paragraph 42 of the annex to document A/49/316, was used:**

Other criterion:



## **Categories of equipment and their definitions**

### **Battle tanks**

Tracked or wheeled self-propelled armoured fighting vehicles with high cross-country mobility and a high-level of selfprotection, weighing at least 16.5 metric tons unladen weight, with a high muzzle velocity direct fire main gun of at least 75 millimetres calibre.

### **Armoured combat vehicles**

Tracked, semi-tracked or wheeled self-propelled vehicles, with armoured protection and cross-country capability, either: (a) designed and equipped to transport a squad of four or more infantrymen, or (b) armed with an integral or organic weapon of at least 12.5 millimetres calibre or a missile launcher.

### **Large-calibre artillery systems**

Guns, howitzers, artillery pieces, combining the characteristics of a gun or a howitzer, mortars or multiple-launch rocket systems, capable of engaging surface targets by delivering primarily indirect fire, with a calibre of 75 millimetres and above.

### **Combat aircraft and unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV)**

Includes fixed-wing or variable-geometry wing aerial vehicles as defined below: (a) Manned fixed-wing or variable-geometry wing aircraft, designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided missiles, unguided rockets, bombs, guns, cannons or other weapons of destruction, including versions of these aircraft which perform specialized electronic warfare, suppression of air defence or reconnaissance missions.(b) Unmanned fixed-wing or variable-geometry wing aircraft, designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided missiles, unguided rockets, bombs, guns, cannons or other weapons of destruction. The terms “combat aircraft” and “unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV)” do not include primary trainer aircraft, unless designed, equipped or modified as described above.

### **Attack helicopters**

Rotary-wing aircraft designed, equipped or modified to engage targets by employing guided or unguided anti-armour, air-to-surface, air-to-subsurface, or air-to-air weapons and equipped with an integrated fire control and aiming system for these weapons, including versions of these aircraft which perform specialized reconnaissance or electronic warfare missions.

### **Warships**

Vessels or submarines armed and equipped for military use with a standard displacement of 500 metric tons or above, and those with a standard displacement of less than 500 metric tons, equipped for launching missiles with a range of at least 25 kilometres or torpedoes with similar range.

### **Missiles and missile launchers**

(a) Guided or unguided rockets, ballistic or cruise missiles capable of delivering a warhead or weapon of destruction to a range of at least 25 kilometres, and means designed or modified specifically for launching such missiles or rockets, if not covered by categories I through VI. For the purpose of the Register, this sub-category includes remotely piloted vehicles with the characteristics for missiles as defined above but does not include ground-to-air missiles. (b) Man-Portable Air-Defence Systems (MANPADS).