| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2811  Responded to: 26 September 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**In late 2006/early 2007, a number of pistols were recovered from a crate at an Orkney Islands Council store in Hatston Industrial Estate, Kirkwall.**

**By way of the FOI act, I would like to request the number of firearms discovered. For each weapon, please state:**

**A. Whatever details are known about it (e.g. manufacturer, model, calibre).**

**B. Whether it was functional or deactivated.**

**I would also please like to know how these matters concluded (i.e. with a warning being issued or with a report being sent to the procurator fiscal).**

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies. To explain, following a search of our system no trace was found relating to the specifics of your request.

**In early 2009, council staff at Lyness Museum on the island of Hoy found a Bren Gun, and no accompanying documentation to explain where it had come from. It was handed over to police. I would like to know if the weapon was functional or deactivated.**

**I would also please like to know how these matters concluded (i.e. with a warning being issued or with a report being sent to the procurator fiscal).**

I can confirm that a Bren Gun was handed in to police on 28th January 2009.

In relation to its functionality, this information is not recorded and as such, the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

I have no means of establishing if the firearm was deactivated or not as the gun was destroyed on 12th May 2009.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible.   
If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.