AUSTRALIA

Was an Annual Report submitted by 31 May 2017?  No, missed deadline
Was the report made public?  Yes
Was a nil report submitted for exports or imports in 2016?  Unspecified
Was data withheld for 'commercial sensitivity/national security-related' reasons?  Unspecified

Good practice:
Australia provided clear, disaggregated information on its exports of major weapons in 2016, and it included the value, as well as the number, of items transferred.

Room for improvement:
Australia left several boxes un-ticked. For example it did not:
- Include a date of submission,
- Specify if ‘commercially sensitive/national-security’ related data had been withheld from the report,
- Specify if it was reporting Authorized or Actual imports of major weapons.

Australia aggregated all SALW sub-categories together in its reporting on exports and imports for 2016.
Australia aggregated all states from which it imported SALW in 2016 and reported them only as ‘Various’.

Transfer summary - 2016: Export Data
- Australia reported authorizations of arms exports to 24 destinations in 2016.
- Of these, nine were ATT States Parties, six were Signatories and five were non-members (Canada, China, India, Oman and Papua New Guinea).1
- The largest export deals of major weapons reported by Australia were 14 armoured combat vehicles, collectively worth US$15.2m to New Zealand, and two warships to Oman (no value given).
- Australia reported the export of 6,112 SALW in 2016.2 The largest recipient was New Zealand (82 per cent), followed by the United Kingdom (10 per cent) and China (2 per cent).

Transfer summary - 2016: Import Data
- The only imports of major weapons reported by Australia in 2016 were six armoured combat vehicles, and 24 manned attack helicopters from the United States.
- Australia aggregated its imports of SALW in 2016. In total, it reported imports of 97,125 items, covering three sub-categories, including items under ‘Other’.

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1 Australia also reported exports to four non-UN member states (Cook Islands, Hong Kong, Jersey and Norfolk Island).
2 There is a minor discrepancy in Australia’s report as the cumulative total of SALW exports it reported actually added up to 6,097 items.