

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).

Reporting practice summary - 2016

Australia changed its reporting practice in its 2016 ATT Annual Report from 2015.

- Its definition of the term 'export' expanded from just 'Physical transfer of items across a national border' to include 'Transfer of Control'.
- It reported the **Number** and **Value** of exports of major weapons and of SALW in 2016, having reported only the **Number** in 2015.
- It did not provide descriptions of items or comments on transfers in 2016, after having done so for some categories in its 2015 Annual Report.

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'.

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.