

THE HOWARD LIBRARY

LESSON 1: NATIONAL FIREARMS AGREEMENT PRE-READING ACTIVITY – ANSWER GUIDE

Amnesty	When a legal offence is officially overlooked or forgiven
Semi-automatic firearm	A firearm that automatically loads new ammunition but requires the shooter to manually pull the trigger in order to fire each shot
Mass shooting	A shooting that results in at least 4 deaths, not including the perpetrator
Law Reform	Changing the law in order to make it fairer, more efficient, or better aligned with community expectations
Australian Government	In Australia, the party or group of parties with the support of the majority of the House of Representatives. They are responsible for putting law into action, providing services and making decisions on behalf of the nation
Prime Minister	The leader of the Australian Government
Ministers	Members of the Australian Government who have been given individual areas of responsibility for how Australia is run
Coalition	An agreement between two or more political parties to create a bigger group in order to strengthen their position in Parliament
Automatic firearm	A firearm that loads automatically and can fire continuous shots from when the trigger is pulled by the shooter to when it is released
Liberal Party	A major Australian political party that represents a broad section of Australian society. Individual freedom and free enterprise are their core beliefs
Nationals Party	An Australian political party that broadly represents regional Australians, including graziers, farmers and other rural voters
Electorate	A geographical area represented by a Member of Parliament, also referred to as a 'seat'
Portfolio	An area of responsibility assigned to a Minister