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## PRE-READING ACTIVITY – THE NATIONAL FIREARMS AGREEMENT

You may encounter some new words and terms when you read the **National Firearms Agreement Case Study**. Some of the key words and terms from the case study are listed in the left-hand column of the table below.

**Draw lines to match the words in the left-hand column with their correct definition.** You may look up the meaning of any words that you are unsure of to help you complete this activity.

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