

For the attention of the Committee Clerk.

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2015 concerning the Justice No 2 Bill. Please accept my apology for the delay in my reply.

The British Shooting Sports Council reassert its view that the age of 12 is too high for the use of shotguns or air weapons under supervision, and suggests that a starting age of 10 would improve the chances of success in the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

The BSSC also strongly supports the proposed 'banding' system, which should significantly reduce the administrative burden for the police, make firearms acquisition more straightforward for the shooter and help the gun trade.

With best wishes.

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