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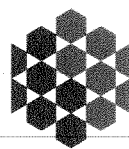
Dear Christine,

Thank you for your letter of 2 November requesting an update on our engagement with stakeholders on the firearms proposals contained in the Justice No. 2 Bill.

Officials have been working closely with Legislative Counsel to translate the policy intent following engagement with stakeholders and the Justice Committee. This has raised some complex issues and we continue to work with the Office of Legislative Counsel to finalise the text of the draft amendments.

Officials had provisionally arranged to meet stakeholders on two dates – 7 and 13 October but these dates proved to be over optimistic and were postponed. Officials have sought to keep stakeholders updated on progress.

Officials would also wish to record their thanks to those stakeholders who have assisted in answering technical queries during this time.



Once the text of the amendments has been finalised we intend to meet stakeholders, including the PSNI and shooting groups, and then share the clauses with the Committee.

I hope that Committee Members find this update helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Logan".

**TIM LOGAN
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