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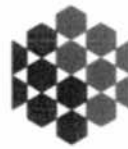
Dear Christine,

EMAIL SENT TO OFFICIALS BY BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR SHOOTING AND CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE IRELAND, (BASC), GUN TRADE GUILD NORTHERN IRELAND (GTGNI) AND COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE (CAI) REGARDING FIREARMS AMENDMENTS

Following the recent appearance before the Justice Committee David Robinson, Chairman of the GTGNI has written to Departmental officials and asked that the Minister be advised that BASC, GTGNI and CAI had formally moved their position on the age of young shooters from 11 to 12 in an effort to secure a compromise with the Department. In addition, however, they want a young person to be permitted to use a shotgun not just for clay target purposes but to shoot any lawful quarry, which would include shooting over fields as well as vermin and pest control.

The Minister remains concerned by the suggestion that 12 year olds be permitted to shoot live quarry and vermin, including the difficulty that would exist in monitoring the supervision of young people in such scenarios as it could happen anywhere and at any time.

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The email from Mr Robinson was drawn to the Minister's attention and he has responded. A copy of his reply is attached. The Minister felt it appropriate that his response should be copied to the Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Logan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

**TIM LOGAN
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