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To members of the FCP

Re: Firearms Consultative Panel Submissions

I would like to thank you for your submission in relation to the Firearms Consultative Panel (FCP). As promised, the submissions received by other current members of the FCP are attached for information (some information has been redacted and omitted to ensure compliance with data protection regulations).

The submissions made have been considered in detail. It is clear from the submissions received that the panel can be a valuable resource of experience and knowledge that the Department can engage with in relation to firearms matters. Having considered the views expressed, the Minister of State would like to see the panel continue to provide a forum for constructive engagement between the Department, An Garda Síochána and firearms interest groups.

The membership and terms of reference have been revised to allow the positive work of the panel to continue. These revised terms, which are attached, take account of:

1. The Department's direct regulatory role in relation to target shooting and the range certification process.
2. General firearms matters.

In that event that your organisation's member has changed you might let me have the following contact details for that person (e-mail, telephone number and postal address). Details should be forwarded by e-mail to firearms_inbox@justice.ie.

Yours sincerely

Marion Walsh
Executive Director

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Terms of Reference - Firearms Consultative Panel

The Department of Justice and Equality:

1. may consult, as appropriate, with one or more of the following bodies on matters related to rifle and pistol target shooting or general firearms matters:

- Sports Coalition
- Target Shooting Ireland
- National Rifle Association of Ireland (NRAI)
- National Association of Sporting Rifle & Pistol Clubs (NASRPC)
- Gallery Rifle and Pistol Association of Ireland (GRPAI)

2. may consult as appropriate, with one or more of the following bodies on general firearms matters (which are not related to rifle and pistol target shooting):

- National Association of Regional Game Councils (NARGC)
- Countryside Alliance Ireland
- Irish Clay Target Shooting Association
- Irish Deer Society
- Sport Ireland.
- Irish Farmers Association (IFA)
- Wild Deer Association of Ireland
- National Parks and Wildlife Service
- The Irish Gun Trade Association

The Department of Justice and Equality will decide as to when to convene meetings and which groups are to be consulted and this decision will be final. The organisations being invited to such meeting will be notified collectively and simultaneously. The Department may seek written submissions from member organisations of the FCP on particular issues in advance of, or as an alternative to convening meetings.

3. The Department of Justice and Equality may consult with specified bodies on matters or as directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality and the Minister of State. However, the Department or Minister's decisions will not be dependent on the FCP's support.