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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of 13th July regarding your meeting on 3rd June with my officials, Police Scotland and representatives from the Local Authorities.

I share your concerns that recent developments in technology mean that we need to look again at issues such as the current booking office regulations. These concerns were also highlighted during the passage of the recent Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Bill where I referred to our on-going engagement with stakeholders and commitment to update the relevant secondary legislation.

We therefore expect to issue a consultation this summer to identify concerns and establish views on the relevant issues to ensure that the most appropriate regulation and enforcement regime is in place to reflect the changing technology.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I do confirm we are committed to working with you and other stakeholders to help address these concerns.

Best wishes

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