



Home Office

Victoria Atkins MP  
Minister for Crime, Safeguarding  
and Vulnerability  
Minister for Women

2 Marsham Street  
London SW1P 4DF  
[www.gov.uk/home-office](http://www.gov.uk/home-office)

22 August 2018

Mike Gapes MP  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

James Gray MP  
House of Commons  
London  
SW1A 0AA

#### **OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BILL – SCIENTIFIC ADVICE ON SCHEDULE ONE**

During the Committee session on the 17<sup>th</sup> July I undertook, at the request of Stephen Timms MP, to provide the Committee with the scientific advice received by the Government on the corrosive substances and concentration levels set out in Schedule 1 of the Bill.

This advice, which was provided by the Government's scientific advisors at the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl), is attached to this letter.

I am copying this letter and attachment to the Clerk to the Committee and to the members of the Public Bill Committee and am placing a copy in the House Library.

**Victoria Atkins MP**  
**Minister for Crime, Safeguarding and Vulnerability**  
**Minister for Women**