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Dear Lord Kennedy

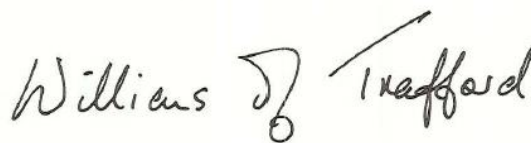
OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BILL: DRAFT COMPENSATION REGULATIONS

For your information, please find enclosed a copy of the draft compensation regulations which set out the arrangements for compensating owners who surrender offensive weapons and firearms prohibited under the Bill.

Clauses 27(2), 36(3), 37(3) and 38(1) of the Bill require or enable regulations to provide for payments to be made in respect of any weapons, firearms, bump stocks or ancillary equipment that are surrendered in accordance with the provisions in clauses 26 and 35 of the Bill. The draft regulations provide details around the process for applying for compensation including who can apply, how they can apply, timescales for applications, what information it is necessary for owners to supply to evidence ownership and details on how receipt of surrendered weapons/equipment will be recorded.

Once the Bill is enacted (subject to parliamentary approval), a final draft of the compensation regulations will in due course be laid before Parliament as they must then be debated and approved by both Houses before they can take effect. The draft regulations will then be subject to debate and scrutiny in the usual way.

I am copying this letter to all Peers who spoke at Second Reading, Lord Rosser and Louise Haigh; I am also placing a copy of the letter and draft regulations in the library of the House.



Baroness Williams of Trafford