

Dear Convenor,

Ahead of today's meeting, we would like to provide some additional financial information to Committee Members.

The BFA estimates that retail firework sales within Scotland in 2019 (excluding Category F4) amounted to around £13 millions (this figure was higher in 2020 & 2021 due to the pandemic, but we have no details as yet).

Seasonal sales (which is the period that would fall within the permitted periods of sale being proposed under the Bill) account for 75% of annual sales.

Therefore, the value of sales which will be directly impacted via restricted selling periods is around £3.25 million.

This figure does NOT take into account any overall reduction in sales as a result of the introduction of a licensing scheme, this figure ONLY relates to a loss associated with restricting the periods of sale.

It should also be highlighted, that such restrictions will also impact retailers out with Scotland, and therefore compensation must also be considered for them.

We believe the Scottish Government's Financial Memorandum makes no reference to compensation regarding the introduction of restricted periods of sale.

Regards

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Vice Chairman

