



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Criminal Justice Committee

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Dear Minister,

Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022

I am writing in relation to the above-mentioned Act of the Scottish Parliament and coverage in the media over the weekend.

The coverage suggests that the Scottish Government has decided not to implement two key provisions in the Act, namely certain provisions in Parts 2 and 3 which deal with the proposed licensing scheme and certain restrictions on the days of sale. This Act was passed by Parliament and expedited through the Criminal Justice Committee at some pace because of the importance placed at the time on tackling the antisocial behaviour caused by some by the use of fireworks in the community and at sporting matches.

Given that we are entering into one of the busiest times of the year when fireworks are used, I would be grateful if you could provide the Committee with a detailed update on your plans for these provisions, for example, are they being dropped or paused? If so, what are the reasons for this. It would also be helpful to have an update on all provisions in the Act so we have a summary of what was passed, which provisions have been brought into force, which have not and when they may be.

I look forward to an early response.

Best wishes,

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Convener