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Dear Sirs, I know that the consultation period for this has ended, and I am also not a Scottish citizen.

I completely support your views in many areas, the sale of ridiculous 'hunting knives' and fake 'samurai swords' for decoration, are entirely unnecessary.

However, what provisions have been or are being made for decent, normal honest, law abiding citizens who collect such things as militaria etc? There are 1000's of 'real' collectors in Scotland and England, who cover all aspects of British, Scottish and European history. They collect items from all eras, Boer War, WW1 and WW2 for instance. Some of these historical artefacts are edged weapons. Daggers, bayonets or swords.

I do sincerely hope that the right of these individuals will be strongly represented, and if it gets to legislation, the 'historical collection' aspect will be exempt completely.

Some of these artefact are extremely rare and valuable, so certainly would never be used for act of violence or intimidation.

I have read through the consultation document and I see there is provision for 'antique' items, i.e. those over 100 years old. However, many of the items I am talking about, and this includes ceremonial Scottish broadswords, or family items from WW1 or WW2, (Uncle Harry's bayonet for instance) are LESS than 100 years old. Surely, you do not intend to include items like this?

If you have time, I would very much appreciate a reply.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Gates

Consultation Questions

Question 1

Should a licence be needed to sell non-domestic knives?

NO - but the sale of -
hunting knives - & fantasy types
should be restricted.

Question 2

What types of knife should be covered by a definition of a non-domestic knife?

ONLY - Fantasy knives &
large hunting knives

Question 3

What conditions should be imposed on someone seeking a licence to sell non-domestic knives?

licence not necessary.

Question 5

What would be the costs for businesses of licensing the sale of knives?

unable to quantify.

Question 6

Should it be a criminal offence to purchase a (non-domestic) knife from an unlicensed seller?

NO

Question 8

Should shops require a licence to sell swords?

Swords or 'fake' samurai swords
do not need to be sold. But
'decorative' or 'collectors items'
must be exempt.

Question 9
Should the sale of swords by shops be restricted to require them to sell only to members of approved organisations?

Antique shops?
and towns?

Question 10
Should the sale of all swords be banned?

NO - There must be clear distinction between 'historical' & collectors' items

Question 11
If so, should there be any groups who are exempted from that ban (i.e. should there be any reasons/uses for which it remains legitimate to sell swords)?

Yes - Antique dealers, collectors, antique shops etc

Question 12
Should the sale of only samurai swords be banned?

Only no fake only
Real ones are worth £1000's & should be under a completely different category.

Question 13
If so, should any groups of people be exempt from that ban (i.e. should there be any reasons/uses for which it remains legitimate to sell samurai swords)?

Collectors, antique dealers, antique dealers, etc.

Question 14
How should a samurai sword be defined?

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Question 15
Is there a case for individual licences for the purchase of swords?

NO -

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