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Dear Sirs, Knife Crime Consultation Document.

Re the above, I enclose my responses
Information Form.

As a general principle, I am in favour
of there being some form of control over
the sale of certain types of knife and replica
swords.

My main area of concern is that the field
of collecting antique swords and dirks, in
fact any edged weapons of a historical nature,
is covered by way of an exemption. It is
vital that the nation's heritage is preserved
and appreciated. In order to achieve this
and it is essential that collectors be
allowed to own, transport and buy and
sell such objects without hindrance.

Having said this, it appears from the Consultation
Document that the Executive is alive to this
question and that such provisions will be made
Yours faithfully, D. A. P. [Signature]

Consultation Questions

Question 1

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

PROBABLY YES

Question 2

What types of knife should be covered by a definition of a non-domestic knife? THOSE WITH FLAMBOYANT BLADES, SHEATH KNIVES, THOSE USED FOR HUNTING, ALSO THOSE WITH A RETRACTABLE OR "CLICK" BLADE

Question 3

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

GOOD REASON AND A RESPONSIBLE ATTITUDE

Question 4

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

UNKNOWN TO ME

Question 5

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

I WOULD SAY SO, OTHERWISE WHAT HAVE A LICENCE SYSTEM.

Question 6

Should shops require a licence to sell swords?

PROBABLY YES

Question 7

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

YES

Question 8

Should the sale of all swords be banned?

YES, WITH EXEMPTIONS.

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Question 9

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, THOSE WITH HISTORICAL INTEREST AND MEMBERS OF SPECIALIST SOCIETIES AND GROUPS.

Question 10

Should the sale of only samurai swords be banned?

NOT NECESSARILY, OTHERS MAY BE EQUALLY DANGEROUS IN THE WRONG HAND.

Question 11

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)?

YES, AS PER Q.9.

Question 12

How should a samurai sword be defined?

ANY SWORD OF A JAPANESE TYPE.

Question 13

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

THAT SEEMS TO BE A SENSIBLE PROPOSAL, YES AND AS IN Q.9 & 11.