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**From Rory Stewart OBE MP**

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs

*Dear Mr. Swift*

Thank you for your letter of 26 March and for meeting me on 22 March to discuss the Lead Ammunition Group report.

We had an interesting discussion about the level of risk to children in families who consume high levels of game and the level of action that would be appropriate for the Government to take to mitigate this potential risk.

While we were unable to look in detail at the evidence that underpins your report in the time available, it is reassuring to know that someone of Professor Levy's standing had oversight of the risk assessments produced.

Human health affected through the consumption of game does not fall within my portfolio as a Defra Minister; as my official clarified during the meeting the Food Standards Agency (FSA) is responsible for advising on public dietary health throughout the UK. As you have noted, I encourage you to continue working with the FSA as the appropriate agency in this context.

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