



15 December 2015

Rory Stewart OBE MP
Member of Parliament for Penrith and the Border
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Nobel House
17 Smith Square
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16th December 2015

Lead Ammunition

Dear Minister,

I am writing this second letter in conjunction with Professor Len Levy from the Institute of Environment and Health, who for five years has chaired LAG's Primary Evidence and Risk Assessment Subgroup, and Professor Ian Newton OBE representing the Oxford Lead Symposium.

First of all, please let us express our regret and sympathy for the difficult situation you and your constituents are facing during the floods and their aftermath. We hope the challenges are quickly resolved.

Of course, we completely understand that you were not able to leave your constituency to speak in the Westminster Hall debate on lead ammunition last week.

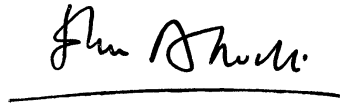
That debate demonstrated some substantial misconceptions about the evidence relating to the use of lead ammunition for sports shooting (see my letter to Geoffrey Clifton-Brown 11th December). It has subsequently been remarked upon that your Ministerial colleague, Mr George Eustice, made reference to a so-called minority report which is unseen by colleagues in the LAG. Moreover several negative but general comments were made about the robustness of the findings both of the Lead Ammunition Group and the Oxford Lead Symposium.

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We appreciate that DEFRA has some challenging decisions to make in acting on the evidence on lead ammunition. With this in mind, we would be grateful for the chance to meet with you and your officials at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Swift", is written above a horizontal line.

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