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**Cc:** Evans R (Rodger); 'Kim'; 'Allan Alstead'  
**Subject:** FW: Report on Inquiry into Support for Community Sport

Dear Mr McNeil MSP

Scottish Target Shooting would like to make the undernoted comments regarding the Report on Inquiry into Support for Community Sports.

Whilst we support the Scottish Sports Association's response we would also like it to be noted that whilst the SSA's response is very comprehensive and has a lot of very good points, there are particular problems that we face as the sport of target shooting which are really peculiar to this sport. Shooting is in an extremely difficult position as there are considerable legal and political constraints which mitigate against the development of the sport. The publicity surrounding each shooting incident reported in the media is a negative piece of publicity; every proposed change of legislation makes it harder to attract people into the sport - the proposed legislation surrounding air weapons is a current example which demonstrates that shooting is seen by some as being an "unacceptable pass-time". Already the sport has more legal constraints than almost any other sport and this makes it extremely difficult to move the sport forward.

It is an interesting paper with many good ideas and instructional points to ponder. However, it completely ignores the Legal issues that apply to the sport of shooting, as we know it. In that respect we as the governing body are partly to blame for accepting our present low profile which we are currently addressing. However, to develop the sport of target shooting further we require to address the legal and political issues that surround it at present and we are not convinced that this is possible under the present Government proposals new and existing.

We hope the above points can be taken into consideration.

Regards,  
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