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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 5 February regarding the Senedd Petition Committee's Petition Number P-06-1184, concerning the lead in ammunition restriction proposals.

In Spring 2021, Defra asked the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) and the Environment Agency (EA) to prepare a restriction dossier for lead ammunition in all habitats. The HSE and the EA have considered the evidence related to the risk posed by lead in ammunition on human health and the environment, as well as the socioeconomic impact of introducing further restrictions on lead in ammunition. They also considered the effectiveness, practicality, monitorability and enforceability of the suggested restriction.

HSE published a dossier and launched a six-month public consultation in May 2022. In January 2023, HSE announced a six-month extension to the analysis period to allow for due consideration of the large volume of responses received, it included many detailed and technical submissions.

HSE has now formed a final [Opinion](#) on the restriction proposal for lead in ammunition, informed by information from public consultations, as well as independent scientific advice.

This Opinion is currently under review by Defra, in collaboration with the Welsh and Scottish Governments. A decision on the proposal will be made in due course, with the final decision still pending.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Thank you for writing to me on the proposed lead in ammunition restriction. I hope you will find the information above helpful in updating the Committee and the petitioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Huw Irranca-Davies'.

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