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FIREARMS REFORM IN NORTHERN IRELAND: LIST OF PROPOSALS

Following your letter to John Holmes on 30 January, you have asked me for a list you could send him showing the totality of our reform proposals.

2. In the time available, the best I can do is the attached "Summary of Proposals" taken from our draft Consultation Paper. As you will see, the handguns issue impacts only on Chapter 5 (attached) which deals with our response to Cullen. All the Cullen recommendations, bar the last, deal with improving procedures and administrative controls and are non-controversial. We would therefore intend to publish them as they stand. The precise wording of the last recommendation (para 5.24) on handgun proscription has still to be finalised; but it will essentially say that proscription is not proceeding in the particular circumstances of Northern Ireland.

3. In summary therefore, we would intend to publish all these reform proposals as they stand, except for paragraph 5.24

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which will be modified to reflect our decision on handguns.

I hope this helps.

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