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Tuesday 11 September 2018

PUBLIC BILL COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BILL

[FIRST TO TENTH SITTINGS]

GLOSSARY

This document shows the fate of each clause, schedule, amendment and new clause.

The following terms are used:

Agreed to: agreed without a vote.

Agreed to on division: agreed following a vote.

Negatived: rejected without a vote.

Negatived on division: rejected following a vote.

Not called: debated in a group of amendments, but not put to a decision.

Not moved: not debated or put to a decision.

Question proposed: debate underway but not concluded.

Withdrawn after debate: moved and debated but then withdrawn, so not put to a decision.

Not selected: not chosen for debate by the Chair.

FIRST AND SECOND SITTINGS

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to

That—

- (1) the Committee shall (in addition to its first meeting at 9.25 am on Tuesday 17 July) meet—
 - (a) at 2.00 pm on Tuesday 17 July;
 - (b) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 19 July;
 - (c) at 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm on Tuesday 4 September;
 - (d) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 6 September;
 - (e) at 9.25 am and 2.00 pm on Tuesday 11 September;
 - (f) at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 13 September;

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- (2) the Committee shall hear oral evidence in accordance with the following Table:

TABLE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Witness</i>
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 10.55 am	Redthread; The Ben Kinsella Trust; St Giles Trust; Acid Survivors Trust International
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 11.25 am	The Crown Prosecution Service; London Borough of Croydon; The Chartered Trading Standards Institute
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 3.15 pm	The National Crime Agency; The National Ballistics Intelligence Service; National Police Chiefs' Council lead on firearms and explosive licensing; The Metropolitan Police
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 4.00 pm	National Police Chiefs' Council lead on corrosive attacks; National Police Chiefs' Council lead on knife enabled crime
Tuesday 17 July	Until no later than 4.30 pm	The British Retail Consortium; British Independent Retailers Association
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 12.00 pm	The British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 1.00 pm	The Children's Commissioner; The Victims' Commissioner
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 2.30 pm	The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers
Thursday 19 July	Until no later than 3.00 pm	Thames Valley Police

- (3) proceedings on consideration of the Bill in Committee shall be taken in the following order: Clause 1; Schedule 1; Clauses 2 to 30; Schedule 2; Clauses 31 to 40; new Clauses; new Schedules; remaining proceedings on the Bill;
- (4) the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 5.00 pm on Thursday 13 September.
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Victoria Atkins

That, at this and any subsequent meeting at which oral evidence is to be heard, the Committee shall sit in private until the witnesses are admitted.

Agreed to

Victoria Atkins

That, subject to the discretion of the Chair, any written evidence received by the Committee shall be reported to the House for publication.

Agreed to

The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

John Poynton, Chief Executive, Redthread; Patrick Green, Chief Executive Officer, Ben Kinsella Trust; Rob Owen OBE, Chief Executive, St Giles Trust; Jaf Shah, Executive Director, Acid Survivors Trust International.

Andrew Penhale, Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS North-East, Crown Prosecution Service; Trish Burls, Trading Standards Manager, London Borough of Croydon; Ben Richards, Campaigns and Policy Executive, Chartered Institute of Trading Standards.

Detective Chief Superintendent Jo Chilton, Head, National Ballistics Intelligence Service; Gregg Taylor, NABIS Ballistics Expert and Central Hub Manager, National Ballistics Intelligence Service; Assistant Chief Constable Dave Orford, National policing lead on firearms, National Police Chiefs Council; Mark Groothuis, Operation Endeavour, Counter-Terrorism Policing, Metropolitan Police; Christopher Lynn, Senior Firearms and Explosives Officer, National Crime Agency.

Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Kearton, NPCC lead on acid attacks, National Police Chiefs Council; Deputy Assistant Commissioner Duncan Ball, NPCC lead on knife crime, National Police Chiefs Council.

Vin Vara, Past President, British Independent Retailers Association; Graham Wynn, Assistant Director for Consumer, Competition and Regulatory Affairs, British Retail Consortium.

THIRD AND FOURTH SITTINGS

The following witnesses gave oral evidence:

Bill Harriman, Director of Firearms, The British Association for Shooting and Conservation; Christopher Graffius, Executive Director of Communications & Public Affairs, The British Association for Shooting and Conservation.

Baroness Newlove, Victims' Commissioner; Anne Longfield OBE, Children's Commissioner.

Tony Dale, Head of Research, USDAW; Doug Russell, Health and Safety Officer, USDAW.

Chief Inspector Emma Burroughs, Thames Valley Police.

FIFTH AND SIXTH SITTINGS

Stuart C. McDonald

Withdrawn after debate 42

Clause 1, page 1, line 3, after "sell" insert "or supply"

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Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Negated on division **1**

Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **2**

Clause 1, page 1, line 12, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **3**

Clause 1, page 1, line 15, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **13**

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, at end insert—

“(8A) In Scotland, proceedings for an offence under subsection (1) may be commenced within the period of 12 months beginning with the commission of the offence.

(8B) Section 136(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (date when proceedings deemed to be commenced) applies for the purposes of subsection (8A) as it applies for the purposes of that section.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not selected **50**

Clause 1, page 2, line 16, at end insert—

“(8A) Section 281 (5) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 must be enacted within six months of this Act receiving Royal Assent.”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate **10**

Clause 1, page 2, leave out lines 18 to 21 and insert “a product which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate **49**

Clause 1, page 2, line 21, at end insert—

“(c) all substances listed under Schedule 1A of the Poisons Act 1972”.

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate **51**

Clause 1, page 2, line 24, at end insert—

“(10A) The appropriate national authority may only modify or remove a reference to a substance under Schedule 1 following the publication of evidence pertaining to

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that decision by the appropriate authority and subject to approval from both Houses of Parliament.

- (10B) In subsection (10A) the “evidence pertaining to that decision” must include—
- (a) a report by the National Police Chiefs’ Council on the use of the substance in attacks; and
 - (b) a report by relevant clinicians on the effect of the substance.”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **14**

Clause **1**, page **2**, line **29**, at end insert—

- “() See section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4*) for provisions about presumptions as to the content of containers in proceedings in Scotland.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **11**

Schedule **1**, page **36**, leave out line 11

Schedule agreed to.

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **4**

Clause **2**, page **2**, line **33**, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **5**

Clause **2**, page **3**, line **18**, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **6**

Clause **2**, page **3**, line **21**, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Clause agreed to.

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Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 15

Clause 3, page 4, line 35, at end insert—

“(13) In Scotland, proceedings for an offence under this section may be commenced within the period of 12 months beginning with the commission of the offence.

(14) Section 136(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (date when proceedings deemed to be commenced) applies for the purposes of subsection (13) as it applies for the purposes of that section.”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 16

Clause 3, page 4, line 35, at end insert—

“() See section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4*) for provisions about presumptions as to the content of containers in proceedings in Scotland.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Stuart C. McDonald

Withdrawn after debate 43

Clause 4, page 4, line 41, leave out “and the seller is outside the United Kingdom at that time”

Stuart C. McDonald

Not called 44

Clause 4, page 4, line 45, after “was” insert “or ought to have been aware”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 17

Clause 4, page 5, line 13, leave out “is guilty of” and insert “commits”

Stephen Timms

Not called 7

Clause 4, page 5, line 15, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms

Not called 8

Clause 4, page 5, line 23, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Stephen Timms

Not called 9

Clause 4, page 5, line 26, leave out “18” and insert “21”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 18

Clause 4, page 5, line 45, at end insert—

“(11) In Scotland, proceedings for an offence under this section may be commenced within the period of 12 months beginning with the commission of the offence.

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- (12) Section 136(3) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (date when proceedings deemed to be commenced) applies for the purposes of subsection (11) as it applies for the purposes of that section.”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **19**

Clause 4, page 5, line 45, at end insert—

- “() See section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4*) for provisions about presumptions as to the content of containers in proceedings in Scotland.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Stephen Timms

Not called **12**

Clause 5, page 6, leave out lines 40 to 41 and insert—

- ““corrosive substance” means any of the substances listed in Schedule 1.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate **52**

Clause 5, page 6, line 44, after “otherwise” insert “, and any place other than premises occupied as a private dwelling (including any stair, passage, garden, yard, garage, outhouse or other appurtenance of such premises which is used in common by the occupants of more than one such dwelling).”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **20**

Clause 5, page 7, line 4, after “See” insert “—

- (a) section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 5*) for provisions about presumptions as to the content of containers in proceedings in Scotland;
- (b) ”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 6 to 10 agreed to.

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **21**

Clause 11, page 10, line 25, at end insert—

- “(1A) In section 37(1A) of the Mental Health Act 1983 (powers of courts to order hospital admission or guardianship: effect of provisions requiring imposition of appropriate custodial sentence)—

- (a) omit the “or” at the end of paragraph (c), and

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- (b) at the end of paragraph (d) insert “, or
 - (e) under section 6(2) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2018 (minimum sentences in certain cases of possession of a corrosive substance),”.
- (1B) In section 36(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (review of sentencing in case of failure to impose appropriate custodial sentence)—
- (a) omit the “or” at the end of sub-paragraph (iii), and
 - (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (iv) insert “; or
 - (v) section 6(2) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2018.””

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to **22**

Clause **11**, page **10**, line **30**, at end insert—

“(3) In section 12(1A) of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 (provisions preventing the making of an order for absolute or conditional discharge), after paragraph (f) insert—

“(g) section 6(2) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2018.”

(4) In section 144 of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (reduction in sentences for guilty pleas)—

(a) in subsection (3), at the end insert—

“section 6(2) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2018.”, and

(b) in subsection (5), at the end insert—

“section 6(2) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2018.””

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH SITTINGS

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called **53**

Clause **12**, page **10**, line **36**, at end insert—

“(2A) In section 141A (sale of bladed articles to persons under 18), in subsection (1) for “eighteen” substitute “twenty-one”.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 13 and 14 agreed to.

Stephen Timms

Withdrawn after debate **46**

Clause **15**, page **14**, line **37**, leave out “residential premises” and insert “premises other than a registered business address”

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Stephen Timms

Clause 15, page 15, line 1, leave out subsections (5) and (6)

Not called 48

Stephen Timms

Clause 15, page 15, line 1, leave out “solely”

Not called 47*Clause agreed to.*

Stuart C. McDonald

Clause 16, page 15, line 26, at end insert “for a particular lawful purpose.”

Withdrawn after debate 45*Clause agreed to.*

Clause 17 agreed to.

Victoria Atkins

Clause 18, page 17, line 21, leave out “is guilty of” and insert “commits”

Agreed to 23*Clause, as amended, agreed to.*

Clause 19 agreed to.

Victoria Atkins

Clause 20, page 18, line 43, leave out “and (3)” and insert “to (3A)”

Agreed to 35

Victoria Atkins

Clause 20, page 19, line 14, at end insert—

Agreed to 36

“(3A) After subsection (2) insert—

“(2D) It is a defence for a person charged in respect of any conduct of that person relating to a knife of a kind described in subsection (1)—

(a) with an offence under subsection (1), or

(b) with an offence under section 50(2) or (3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979,

to show that the conduct was only for the purposes of making the knife available to a museum or gallery to which this subsection applies.

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- (2E) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1A) to show that they possessed the knife only in their capacity as the operator of, or as a person acting on behalf of, a museum or gallery.
- (2F) If the operator of, or a person acting on behalf of, a museum or gallery to which this subsection applies is charged with hiring or lending a knife of a kind described in subsection (1), it is a defence for them to show that they had reasonable grounds for believing that the person to whom they lent or hired it would use it only for cultural, artistic or educational purposes.
- (2G) Subsection (2D) or (2F) applies to a museum or gallery only if it does not distribute profits.
- (2H) In this section “museum or gallery” includes any institution which has as its purpose, or one of its purposes, the preservation, display and interpretation of material of historical, artistic or scientific interest and gives the public access to it.
- (2I) A person is to be taken to have shown a matter mentioned in subsection (2D), (2E) or (2F) if—
- (a) sufficient evidence of the matter is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.””

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 37

Clause 20, page 19, line 27, at end insert—

- “(4) It is a defence for a person charged in respect of any conduct of that person relating to a knife of a kind described in paragraph (1) with an offence under paragraph (1) to show that the conduct was only for the purposes of making the knife available to a museum or gallery to which this paragraph applies.
- (5) It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph (2) to show that they possessed the knife only in their capacity as the operator of, or as a person acting on behalf of, a museum or gallery.
- (6) If the operator of, or a person acting on behalf of, a museum or gallery to which this paragraph applies is charged with hiring or lending a knife of a kind described in paragraph (1), it is a defence for them to show that they had reasonable grounds for believing that the person to whom they lent or hired it would use it only for cultural, artistic or educational purposes.
- (7) Paragraph (4) or (6) applies to a museum or gallery only if it does not distribute profits.
- (8) In this Article “museum or gallery” includes any institution which has as its purpose, or one of its purposes, the preservation, display and interpretation of material of historical, artistic or scientific interest and gives the public access to it.
- (9) A person is to be taken to have shown a matter mentioned in paragraph (4), (5) or (6) if—
- (a) sufficient evidence of the matter is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Clauses 21 to 25 agreed to.

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 24

Clause 26, page 25, line 14, at end insert—

“() Section 1A of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 (offence of threatening with offensive weapon in public) is amended in accordance with subsections (1) and (1A).”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 25

Clause 26, page 25, line 15, leave out from “In” to end of line 16 and insert “subsection (1)—”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 26

Clause 26, page 25, line 21, at end insert—

“(1A) Omit subsection (2).

(1B) Section 139AA of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (offence of threatening with article with blade or point or offensive weapon) is amended in accordance with subsections (2) and (3).”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 27

Clause 26, page 25, line 22, leave out from “In” to end of line 23 and insert “subsection (1)—”

Victoria Atkins

Agreed to 28

Clause 26, page 25, line 28, at end insert—

“(1A) Omit subsection (4).”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 27 agreed to.

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Clause 28 agreed to.

Clause 29 agreed to.

Clause 30 agreed to.

Schedule 2 agreed to.

Clause 31 agreed to.

Clause 32 agreed to.

Clause 33 agreed to.

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Clause 34 agreed to.

Clause 35 agreed to.

Clause 36 agreed to.

Clause 37 agreed to.

Victoria Atkins

Clause 38, page 32, line 37, at end insert— *Agreed to 38*
“() subsection (3A) of section 20, so far as it makes provision in relation to an offence under section 50(2) or (3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979, and subsection (1) of that section so far as relating to that provision made by subsection (3A);”

Victoria Atkins

Clause 38, page 33, line 7, at end insert— *Agreed to 39*
“() subsection (3A) of section 20, so far as it makes provision in relation to an offence under section 1(1) or (1A) of the Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act 1959, and subsection (1) of that section so far as relating to that provision made by subsection (3A);”

Victoria Atkins

Clause 38, page 33, line 13, at end insert— *Agreed to 29*
“() section 11(1B);”

Victoria Atkins

Clause 38, page 33, line 22, leave out paragraph (b) and insert— *Agreed to 30*
“() section 11(1), (1A) and (2) to (4);
() section 12;”

Victoria Atkins

Clause 38, page 33, line 26, at end insert— *Agreed to 31*
“() section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4*);
() section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 5*);”

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

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Victoria Atkins

Clause 39, page 34, line 13, at end insert—

- “() section 5;
- () section 9;”

Agreed to 32

Victoria Atkins

Clause 39, page 34, line 13, at end insert—

- “() section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4*);
- () section (*Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 5*);”

Agreed to 33

Victoria Atkins

Clause 39, page 34, line 16, leave out paragraph (c)

Agreed to 34

Victoria Atkins

Clause 39, page 34, line 18, after “20” insert “except so far as it makes provision in relation to an offence under section 50(2) or (3) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979”

Agreed to 40

Victoria Atkins

Clause 39, page 34, line 27, leave out paragraph (e) and insert—

- “() section 20(4) to (6);
- () sections 21 to 23;”

Agreed to 41*Clause, as amended, agreed to.**Clause 40 agreed to.*

Victoria Atkins

To move the following Clause—

Agreed to NC5**“Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 1, 3 or 4**

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of any trial in proceedings for an alleged offence under section 1(1), 3(2) or (3) or 4(4).
- (2) Where—
 - (a) a substance is found in a container (whether open or sealed), and
 - (b) there is on the container a description of the contents of the container, the substance found is to be presumed to be a substance of that description.
- (3) Where an open container is found which—
 - (a) is empty or contains an amount of a substance which is insufficient to allow analysis of it,

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- (b) was sealed at the time it was sold or delivered, and
 - (c) has on it a description of the contents of the container,
- the container is to be presumed to have contained, at the time it was sold or delivered, a substance of that description.
- (4) At the trial, any party to the proceedings may rebut the presumption mentioned in subsection (2) or (3) by proving that, at the time of its sale or delivery, the substance in the container was not of the description on the container.
 - (5) A party may lead evidence for the purpose of rebutting the presumption only if the party has, not less than 7 days before the date of the trial, given notice of the intention to do so to the other parties.”
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Victoria Atkins

Agreed to NC6

To move the following Clause—

“Presumptions in proceedings in Scotland for offence under section 5

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of any trial in proceedings for an alleged offence under section 5(1).
 - (2) Where—
 - (a) a substance is found in a container (whether open or sealed), and
 - (b) there is on the container a description of the contents of the container,
 the substance found is to be presumed to be a substance of that description.
 - (3) Subsection (4) applies where—
 - (a) an open container is found,
 - (b) a substance has been poured out of, or otherwise removed from, the container,
 - (c) the container is empty or contains an amount of the substance mentioned in paragraph (b) which is insufficient to allow analysis of it, and
 - (d) the container has on it a description of its contents.
 - (4) The container is to be presumed to have contained, immediately before the action mentioned in paragraph (b) of subsection (3) was taken, a substance of the description mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection.
 - (5) At the trial, any party to the proceedings may rebut the presumption mentioned in subsection (2) or (4) by proving that, at the time the offence is alleged to have been committed, the substance in the container was not of the description on the container.
 - (6) A party may lead evidence for the purpose of rebutting the presumption only if the party has, not less than 7 days before the date of the trial, given notice of the intention to do so to the other parties.”
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Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC1

To move the following Clause—

“Annual report on corrosive substance attacks

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within twelve months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, publish an annual report on the data available on the number of corrosive substance attacks in the UK in each of the last five years.
- (2) The annual reports published under section 1 must include, but are not limited to—
 - (a) the location of the attacks;
 - (b) the corrosive substance used; and
 - (c) any other information as may be available on each attack.”

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Negatived on division NC2

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of threatening with a non-corrosive substance

- (1) A person commits an offence if they threaten a person with a substance they claim or imply is corrosive.
 - (2) It is not a defence for a person to prove that the substance used to threaten a person was not corrosive or listed under schedule 1 of this act.
 - (3) In this section, “threaten a person” means—
 - (a) that the person unlawfully and intentionally threatens another person (“A”) with the substance, and
 - (b) does so in such a way that a reasonable person (“B”) who was exposed to the same threat as A would think that there was an immediate risk of physical harm to B.
 - (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale”.
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Stephen Timms
 Louise Haigh
 Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC3

To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition on the possession of a corrosive substance on educational premises

- (1) A person commits an offence if that person has a corrosive substance with them on school premises or further education premises.
- (2) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to prove that they had good reason or lawful authority for having the corrosive substance on school premises or further education premises.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (2), it is a defence for a person charged in England and Wales or Northern Ireland with an offence under subsection (1) to prove that they had the corrosive substance with them for use at work.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3), it is a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (1) to show that they had the corrosive substance with them for use at work.
- (5) A person is to be taken to have shown a matter mentioned in subsection (4) or (5) if—
 - (a) sufficient evidence of the matter is adduced to raise an issue with respect to it, and
 - (b) the contrary is not proved beyond reasonable doubt.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
 - (c) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 4 years, to a fine or both.
- (7) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (maximum sentence that may be imposed on summary conviction of offence triable either way) the reference in subsection (7)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months.
- (8) A constable may enter any school or further education premises and search those premises and any person on those premises, if they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that an offence under this section is, or has been, committed.
- (9) If, in the course of a search under this section, a constable discovers a corrosive substance they may seize and retain it.
- (10) The constable may use reasonable force, if necessary, in the exercise of entry conferred by this section
- (11) In this section—

“corrosive substance” means a substance which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion;

“school premises” means land used for the purpose of a school, excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at a school; and “school” has the meaning given by—

 - (a) in relation to land in England and Wales, section 4 of the Education Act 1996;

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- (b) in relation to land in Northern Ireland, Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (SI 1986/594 (NI 3)).

“further educational premises” means—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, land used solely for the purposes of—

- (i) an institution within the further education sector or the higher education sector (within the meaning of section 91 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992), or
- (ii) a 16 to 19 Academy (within the meaning of section 1B of the Academies Act 2010),

excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution or 16 to 19 Academy.

- (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, land used solely for the purposes of an institution of further education within the meaning of Article 2 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (SI 1997/1772 (NI 15) excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution”.

Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called NC4

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of threatening with corrosive substance on educational premises

- (1) A person commits an offence if that person threatens a person with a corrosive substance on school premises or further education premises.

- (2) In this section—

“corrosive substance” means a substance which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion;

“threatens a person” means—

- (a) unlawfully and intentionally threatens another person (“A”) with a corrosive substance, and
- (b) does so in such a way that a reasonable person (“B”) who was exposed to the same threat as A would think that there was an immediate risk of physical harm to B.

“school premises” means land used for the purpose of a school, excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at a school; and “school” has the meaning given by—

- (a) in relation to land in England and Wales, section 4 of the Education Act 1996;
- (b) in relation to land in Northern Ireland, Article 2(2) of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (SI 1986/594 (NI 3)).

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“further educational premises” means—

- (a) in relation to England and Wales, land used solely for the purposes of—
 - (i) an institution within the further education sector or the higher education sector (within the meaning of section 91 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992), or
 - (ii) a 16 to 19 Academy (within the meaning of section 1B of the Academies Act 2010),
 excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution or 16 to 19 Academy.
 - (b) in relation to Northern Ireland, land used solely for the purposes of an institution of further education within the meaning of Article 2 of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (SI 1997/ 1772 (NI 15) excluding any land occupied solely as a dwelling by a person employed at the institution”.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum or to both;
 - (c) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 4 years, to a fine or both.
- (4) In relation to an offence committed before the coming into force of section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 (maximum sentence that may be imposed on summary conviction of offence triable either way) the reference in subsection (7)(a) to 12 months is to be read as a reference to 6 months”.

Karin Smyth
 Louise Haigh
 Vicky Foxcroft
 Tulip Siddiq

Withdrawn after debate NC7

To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition of air weapons on private land for those under the age of 18

- (1) Section 23 of the Firearms Act 1968 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (3).
 - (2) Omit subsection (1).
 - (3) Omit subsection (3).”
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Offensive Weapons Bill, *continued*

Karin Smyth
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft
Tulip Siddiq

Not called NC8

To move the following Clause—

“Report on the use of air weapons

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, lay a report before Parliament on the safe use of air weapons.
 - (2) The report under subsection (1) must consider, but is not limited to—
 - (a) whether existing legislation on the use of air weapons is sufficient;
 - (b) whether current guidelines on the safe storage of air weapons needs revising;
 - (c) whether the current age restrictions surrounding the possession and use of air weapons are sufficient.”
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Stephen Timms

Not called NC9

To move the following Clause—

“Purchase of offensive weapons from outside the European Union

- (1) A person commits an offence if they knowingly purchase an offensive weapon from a seller located in a country that is not a member of the European Union.
 - (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”
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Stephen Timms
Tulip Siddiq

Negatived on division NC10

To move the following Clause—

“Payment for corrosive substances

- (1) It shall be an offence for a seller to receive payment for a corrosive substance except—
 - (a) by cheque which under section 81A of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 is not transferable; or
 - (b) by an electronic transfer of funds (authorised by credit or debit card or otherwise).
- (2) In this section “corrosive substance” means a substance which is capable of burning human skin by corrosion.
- (3) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;

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- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”
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Stephen Timms

Negatived on division NC11

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of having a corrosive substance in an unmarked container

- (1) A person commits an offence if they carry a corrosive substance in a container in a public place unless that container is clearly marked or labelled as containing a corrosive substance.
- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”
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Stephen Timms

Withdrawn after debate NC12

To move the following Clause—

“Advertising disguised offensive weapons

- (1) A person or company commits an offence when a website registered in their name is used to advertise, list or otherwise facilitate the sale of an offensive weapon capable of being disguised as something else.
- (2) The registered owner of a website that is guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both;
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”
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Stephen Timms

Withdrawn after debate NC13

To move the following Clause—

“Offensive Weapons and online videos

- (1) It shall be an offence for a website to host online or distribute a video in which a person displays an offensive weapon in a threatening manner.

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- 5 (2) No offence is committed under this section if—
- (a) the website removes the video within 24 hours of the registered owner of the website being informed that the video includes a person displaying an offensive weapon in a threatening manner.
- 10 (3) In this section, “threatening manner” means that the person (“A”) uses the weapon in such a way that a reasonable person (“B”) who was exposed to the same threat would think that there was an immediate risk of physical harm.”

As an Amendment to Stephen Timms’s proposed New Clause (*Offensive Weapons and online videos*) (NC13):—

Tulip Siddiq

Not called (a)

- Line 10, at end add—
- “(4) The person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both;
- (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”

Stephen Timms

Negatived on division NC14

To move the following Clause—

“Enforcement

- (1) It shall be the duty of every authority to which subsection (4) applies to enforce within its area the provisions of Clauses 1, 3, 4, 15 and 18 of this Bill.
- (2) An authority in England or Wales to which subsection (4) applies shall have the power to investigate and prosecute for an alleged contravention of any provision imposed by or under this section which was committed outside its area in any part of England and Wales.
- (3) A district council in Northern Ireland shall have the power to investigate and prosecute for an alleged contravention of any provision imposed by or under this section which was committed outside its area in any part of Northern Ireland.
- (4) The authorities to which this section applies are—
- (a) in England, a county council, district council, London Borough Council, the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority and the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- (b) in Wales, a county council or a county borough council;
- (c) in Scotland, a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994(1);
- (d) in Northern Ireland, any district council.
- (5) In enforcing this section, an enforcement authority must act in a manner proportionate to the seriousness of the risk and shall take due account of the precautionary principle, and shall encourage and promote voluntary action by producers and distributors.

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- (6) Notwithstanding subsection (5), an enforcement authority may take any action under this section urgently and without first encouraging and promoting voluntary action if a product poses a serious risk.”
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Stephen Timms
Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called NC15

To move the following Clause—

“Investigatory powers for trading standards

- (1) Schedule 5 of the Consumer Rights Act 2015 is amended in accordance with subsection (2).
- (2) In Part 2, paragraph 10, at end insert—
“section (*Enforcement*)”.”
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Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft
Tulip Siddiq

Not moved NC16

To move the following Clause—

“Report on the use of reportable substances

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, lay a report before Parliament on the use of reportable substances in attacks under Schedule 1A of the Poisons Act 1972.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must consider, but is not limited to—
- (a) whether and to what extent reportable substances are being used in attacks;
 - (b) whether current controls and requirements on the sale of reportable substances are sufficient to prevent attacks.”
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Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC17

To move the following Clause—

“Prohibition of bladed product displays

- (1) A person who in the course of a business displays a bladed product in a place in England and Wales or Northern Ireland is guilty of an offence.
- (2) The appropriate Minister may by regulations provide for the meaning of “place” in this section.

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- (3) The appropriate Minister may by regulations make provision for a display in a place which also amounts to an advertisement to be treated for the purposes of offences in England and Wales or Northern Ireland under this Act—
 - (a) as an advertisement and not as a display; or
 - (b) as a display and not as an advertisement.
- (4) No offence is committed under this section if—
 - (a) the bladed products are displayed in the course of a business which is part of the bladed product trade;
 - (b) they are displays for the purpose of that trade; and
 - (c) the display is accessible only to persons who are engaged in, or employed by, a business which is also part of that trade.
- (5) No offence is committed under this section if the display is a requested display to an individual age 18 or over.
- (6) The appropriate Minister may provide in regulations that no offence is committed under section 1 if the display complies with requirements specified in regulations.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not selected **NC18**

To move the following Clause—

“Crime and Disorder Partnerships, schools and offensive weapons

- (1) Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), after paragraph (f) insert—
 - “(g) all schools in England”.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Negated on division **NC19**

To move the following Clause—

“Controls on miniature rifles and ammunition

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
 - (2) Omit subsection (4) of section 11 (Sports, athletics and other approved activities).”
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Offensive Weapons Bill, continued

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC20

To move the following Clause—

“Report on Section 9 of the Firearms Act 1968

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, lay a report before Parliament on Section 9 of the Firearms Act 1968.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must consider, but is not limited to—
 - (a) whether an auctioneer, carrier or warehouseman should continue to be exempt from the controls of the aforementioned Act;
 - (b) evaluate the risks to the public of Section 9.
- (3) The report under subsection (1) and the considerations under subsection (2) must seek the advice of—
 - (a) National Counter Terror Policing;
 - (b) the National Crime Agency;
 - (c) the National Ballistics Intelligence Service.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC21

To move the following Clause—

“Firearms Advisory Committee

- (1) There shall be established in accordance with the provisions of this section a firearms consultative committee consisting of a chairman and no fewer than 12 other members appointed by the Secretary of State, being persons appearing to him to have knowledge and experience of one or more of the following matters—
 - (a) the possession, use or keeping of, or transactions in, firearms;
 - (b) weapon technology; and
 - (c) the administration or enforcement of the provisions of the Firearms Acts 1968 to 1997.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3) below, a member of the committee shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) Any member of the committee may resign by notice in writing to the Secretary of State; and the chairman may by such a notice resign his office as such.
- (4) It shall be the function of the committee—
 - (a) to keep under review the working of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1)(c) above and to make to the Secretary of State such recommendations as the committee may from time to time think necessary for the improvement of the working of those provisions;
 - (b) to make proposals for amending those provisions if it thinks fit;
 - (c) to advise the Secretary of State on any other matter relating to those provisions which he may refer to the committee; and
 - (d) to make proposals for codifying the law on firearms.
- (5) The Committee shall make particular reference to the working of the provisions in relation to counter-terrorism, serious organised crime and crimes of violence.

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- (6) The committee shall in each year make a report on its activities to the Secretary of State who shall lay a copy of the report before both Houses of Parliament.
- (7) The Secretary of State may make to members of the committee such payments as he may determine in respect of expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC22

To move the following Clause—

“Possession of component parts of ammunition with intent to manufacture

- (1) Section 1 of the Firearms Act 1988 is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (5) insert—
 - “(6A) A person commits an offence if—
 - (a) the person has in his or her possession or under his or her control the component parts of ammunition; and
 - (b) the person intends to use such articles to manufacture the component parts into ammunition.
 - (6B) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction—
 - (i) in England and Wales to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months (or in relation to offences committed before Section 154(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 2003 comes into force six months) or to a fine or both;
 - (ii) in Scotland to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum, or to both;
 - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, to a fine, or to both.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC23

To move the following Clause—

“Antique Firearms

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 16A (1) (Possession of firearm with intent to cause fear of violence) for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.
- (3) In section 19 (carrying a firearm in a public place), after subsection (d) insert—
 - “(e) antique firearm.”

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- (4) In section 20 (1) (Trespassing with firearm) for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.
- (5) In section 20 (2) (Trespassing with firearm) for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called NC24

To move the following Clause—

“Antique Firearms (No. 2)

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 17 (1) (Use of firearms to resist arrest), for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.
- (3) In section 17 (2) (Use of firearms to resist arrest), for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.
- (4) In section 18 (1) (Carrying firearm with criminal intent) for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.
- (5) In section 18 (2) (Carrying firearm with criminal intent) for “or imitation firearm” substitute “, imitation firearm or antique firearm”.

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft
Tulip Siddiq

Not called NC25

To move the following Clause—

“Report on the causes behind youth violence with offensive weapons

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within six months of this Act receiving Royal Assent, lay a report before Parliament on the causes behind youth violence with offensive weapons.
- (2) The report under subsection (1) must consider, but is not limited to—
 - (a) the effect of the reduction in police numbers on the levels of youth violence with offensive weapons;
 - (b) the effect of the reduction in public spending on—
 - (i) children’s services;
 - (ii) Sure Start;
 - (iii) state-maintained schools;
 - (iv) local authorities;
 - (c) the effect of changes in the numbers of—
 - (i) school-excluded children;
 - (ii) looked after children;
 - (iii) homeless children.

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- (3) The report under subsection (1) and the considerations under subsection (2) must consider the benefits of the public health approach to violence reduction.
- (4) The report must publish all departmental evidence held relating to subsection (2).”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft
Tulip Siddiq

Not called NC26

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of buying antique firearms for cash etc

- (1) A person commits an offence if they purchase an antique firearm other than by—
 - (a) a cheque which under section 81A of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882 is not transferable; or
 - (b) by an electronic transfer of funds (authorised by credit or debit card or otherwise).
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (1) to permit other methods of payment.
- (3) In this section paying includes paying in kind (with goods or services).
- (4) If an antiques dealer (“the purchaser”) is in breach of subsection (1), each of the following is guilty of an offence—
 - (a) the antique dealer;
 - (b) any person who makes the payment acting for the dealer.
- (5) It is a defence for a person within subsection (4)(a) or (b) who is charged with an offence under this section to prove that the person—
 - (a) made arrangements to ensure that the payment was not made in breach of subsection (1); and
 - (b) took all reasonable steps to ensure that those arrangements were complied with.
- (6) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft
Tulip Siddiq

Not called NC27

To move the following Clause—

“Compulsory register of transaction in antique firearms

- (1) Any person who by way of trade or business manufactures, sells or transfers antique firearms must provide and keep a register of transactions and must enter or cause to be entered therein the particulars specified by order of the Secretary of State.

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- (2) Every entry required by subsection (1) of this section to be made in the register shall be made within 24 hours after the transaction to which it relates took place and, in the case of a sale or transfer, every person to whom that subsection applies shall at the time of the transaction require the purchaser or transferee, if not known to him, to furnish particulars sufficient for identification and shall immediately enter the said particulars in the register.
- (3) Every person keeping a register in accordance with this section shall (unless required to surrender the register under section 38(8) of the Firearms Act 1968) keep it for such a period that each entry made after the coming into force of this subsection will be available for inspection for at least five years from the date on which it was made.
- (4) Every person keeping a register in accordance with this section shall on demand allow a constable or a civilian officer, duly authorised in writing in that behalf by the chief officer of police, to enter and inspect all stock in hand, and must on request by an officer of police so authorised or by an officer of customs and excise—
 - (a) produce the register for inspection; or
 - (b) if the register is kept by means of a computer, produce a copy of the information comprised in that register in a visible and legible form for inspection
 provided that, where a written authority is required by this subsection, the authority shall be produced on demand.
- (5) Every person keeping a register in accordance with this section by means of a computer shall ensure that the information comprised in the register can readily be produced in a form in which it is visible and legible and can be taken away.
- (6) It is an offence for a person to fail to comply with any provision of this section or knowingly to make any false entry in the register required to be kept thereunder.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Withdrawn after debate NC28

To move the following Clause—

“Controls on purchase or acquisition of shotgun ammunition

- (1) The Firearms Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 1(b) (Requirement of a firearm certificate) after “to have in his possession” leave out “to purchase or acquire”.
- (3) After section 1(b) insert—
 - “(c) to purchase or acquire, any ammunition to which this section applies without holding a firearm certificate in force at the time, or otherwise than as authorised by such a certificate, or in quantities in excess of those so authorised.”

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(4) After section 1(4) insert—

“(5) Notwithstanding subsection 1(3) and 1 (3)(a) shotgun ammunition within the meaning of this Act is not exempt from an offence under 1(c).”

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not moved NC29

To move the following Clause—

“Controls on deactivated weapons

- (1) The Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 8(A)(1)(b) insert—

“(1A) Deactivated firearms must meet the technical specifications set out under Section 8(A) of this Act to be considered deactivated.”

Tulip Siddiq

Negated on division NC30

To move the following Clause—

“Aggravating factor

- (1) Where a court is considering for the purposes of sentencing the seriousness of an offence under subsection 5(1), and either of the facts in subsection (2) are true, the court—
 - (a) must treat any fact mentioned in subsection (2) as an aggravating factor (that is to say, a factor that increases the seriousness of an offence), and
 - (b) must state in open court that the offence is so aggravated.
 - (2) The facts referred to in subsection (1) are that, at the time of committing the offence, the offender was—
 - (a) the driver of a moped or motor bicycle, or
 - (b) a passenger of a moped or motor bicycle.
 - (3) For the purposes of this section, “moped” and “motor bicycle” have the same meanings as in section 108 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.”
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Offensive Weapons Bill, *continued*

Louise Haigh
Vicky Foxcroft

Not called NC31

To move the following Clause—

“Offence of hosting a seller on a platform, online third-party reseller or online marketplace used to sell offensive weapons or corrosive products to children online

- (1) The owner of a platform, third-party reseller or online marketplace commits an offence if that platform, third-party reseller or online marketplace hosts a seller on a website used to—
 - (a) sell an offensive weapon to a person under the age of 18; or
 - (b) sell a corrosive product to a person under the age of 18.
- (2) The platform, third-party reseller or online marketplace must operate a system for checking that persons who bought corrosive products or offensive weapons on a platform, third-party reseller or online marketplace were not under the age of 18.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 51 weeks, to a fine or to both;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
