

**Second meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee**  
**6 September 2022**  
**Report**

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**Attendees**

**Chair** Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Paul Greene

**Secretary** Aoife Byrne

Report of the second meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee.

1. The second meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee was held on 6 September 2022 at 51 St Stephen's Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Emma Meagher Neville.
2. At its second meeting, the Committee discussed some areas of inconsistencies in the licencing system, on this topic the committee considered the definition of an assault rifle contained in Statutory Instrument 21 of 2008, and the reported inconsistencies in licencing decisions that have arisen due to the inclusion of the word "resemble" in part (b) of the definition.
3. The Committee considered the types of firearms which are licenced in Ireland. The Committee agreed that there would be merit in discussing the regulation of gas-operated firearms under 16 joule.
4. The Committee discussed the purposes for which firearms are licenced in Ireland. The Committee began its assessment of identifying the types of firearms which would be appropriate to be used for various types of hunting, target shooting, and in other circumstances.
5. The Committee reviewed several pieces of correspondence received by the secretary.
6. The Committee agreed to meet again in October 2022.