

4th meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee
1 November 2022
Report

Attendees

Chair Emma Meagher Neville

Paul Walsh

Fabian Connolly

John Guinane

Emma Doyle

Secretary Aoife Byrne

Report of the fourth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee.

1. The fourth meeting of the Firearms Expert Committee was held on 1 November 2022 at 51 St Stephen's Green. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Emma Meagher Neville.
2. At its fourth meeting, the Committee discussed the appropriateness of the five round limit, which is applied to most short-firearms. The Committee discussed the merits and drawbacks of the application of the limit.
3. The Committee began its consideration of two items in its terms of reference: whether firearms certificates should be conditioned to specify the locations where the firearm may be used; and whether firearms certificates should be conditioned to limit the use of the firearm to the purpose for which the firearms certificate was sought.
4. The Committee acknowledged there are many factors to be considered to insure that any conditions which are applied to a certificate are practical and appropriate. The Committee discussed how applying such conditions could interact with the different shooting pursuits such as hunting and target shooting.
5. The Committee again discussed the suitability of centre-fire semi-automatic rifles licenced after the 18 September 2015. The member's positions on the suitability of centre-fire semi-automatic rifles remains unchanged since the previous meeting.
6. The Committee agreed to meet again in late November 2022.