

Clubs & Ranges Seminar

Friday 6th February

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Focus of today's seminar

- S 33 of CJA 2006
 - Clubs S.I
 - Ranges S.I.
- How to apply
- Timescales
- Procedures

General Update

- Work of the FCP
- New Legislation

Work of the FCP

- Lots of mutual education
- Transition to a more consistent system
- Keeps communication open through difficult times & forum to resolve disputes
- Sub groups....product is today

New legislation imminent

- CJA 2006.....not fully implemented
 - 3 year licence
 - Outsourced fee collection
- Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2009 is imminent
 - Technical amendments to CJA 2006
 - ‘Action’ shooting
 - Controls on Airsoft

Minister's November statement

- series of judicial reviews not an intentional policy got us to where we are today
- does not want a handgun culture
- doesn't accept the 'any firearm can be licensed for sporting purposes' view
- Charleton judgment
- practical shooting...too much too quick & anathema to Irish shooting sports culture

Ranges & Planning Permission

- the planning system would look at a planning application for a firing range (including an application for retention of an existing range) independently of whether the applicant had the required certification under the CJA.
- basic principle of the planning system is that planning applications are dealt with independently of other statutory consent procedures [Of course the grant of planning permission does not imply that any activity requiring other statutory consents may lawfully proceed without those consents.]

Running order

- Supt Fergus Healy
- Sgt Paul Greene
- Supt Aidan Glacken
- John Guinane

Conclusion

- Future structure for target shooting
- Clubs
- Ranges
- Safety & security