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Mr Glenn Butcher. This proposal is overdue. But not only do we need to protect puppies we need to protect the mothers. The amendments falls short of protecting puppies. Puppy farms have complex issues

The following issues need to be addressed:

There should be a puppy farm stand alone code of practice. This is a complex issue I know. Better still, ban them. They are cruel & most puppy farmers contribute to the cash economy & view their bitches as income producers. They do not pay tax.

There should be capped numbers of breeding females, even for registered breeders, to 10.

There should be capped litter numbers to 3 for each breeding female after all hereditary issues are cleared.

Compliance checks & especially spot unannounced checks

Increased funding for the RSPCA to police the rules & compliance.

Mandatory desexing of all puppies sold & retired breeding dogs.

Rehoming of all retired breeding dogs.

Banning the sale of puppies & kittens in pet stores unless from a rescue organisation where the purchaser will be vetted & not make a spur of the moment purchase.

Thank you. Let's stamp out this cruelty.

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