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EP election hangover - hunters and AD

Steven Bonello's vintage cartoon (The Sunday Times, June 27) gives me the cue for this next part. Judging from Lino Farrugia's poor showing in the last European Parliament elections, it seems that the hunters can no longer feel smug on their powers of political ransom since they are greatly outnumbered by the multi-hued anti-hunting lobby.

Politicians should take stock of this and finally start introducing heftier hunting fines and move to ban spring hunting rather than bowing head over heels to the hunting lobby.

Many political analysts, especially those on the PN side, are lamenting AD's good showing in the same elections and, in typical doom-and-gloom style, are forecasting an unstable political system due to the advent of this third party - so, are we to believe that the Liberals in the UK are a destabilising political force? AD banked on the fact that it was the only party not to mince its words when it came to controversial issues, such as spring hunting.