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Chair
Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and International
Relations Committee

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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your letter of 4 March 2022 regarding the review of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UK Government, the Welsh Government, Senedd Cymru and Ofcom and for your confirmation that the Committee has no comment on the content of the MOU.

I note your view that regulators should be accountable to parliamentary institutions rather than government. We agree that parliamentary scrutiny is crucial to holding regulators to account and recognise the important role the Senedd plays in scrutinising the work of Ofcom. The commitments relating to a formal consultative role for the Senedd in the setting of Ofcom's strategic priorities in respect of its activities in Wales, on presentation of the Ofcom annual report and accounts to the Senedd and Ofcom reporting and appearing before the Senedd as set out in the MOU are important elements of this.

I am copying this letter to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change and the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee for information.

Yours sincerely,

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