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Dear Delyth,

I would like to thank you and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee for your consideration of the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM), (Memorandum No.2), laid before the Senedd on 28 September 2022 in respect of the UK Government's Online Safety Bill.

I welcome the report published by the Committee on 5 December, noting that the Members agreed that consent is required for clauses 156-158 (clauses 151-152 as introduced) and clause 162 Communications offences (clause 155 as introduced).

I also note the recommendation made by the Committee that in their view consent is required for clause 165 (clause 159 as introduced) and Schedule 14. Further legal analysis by my officials confirms that consent is required and as such a further SLCM (Memorandum No.4) will be tabled.

I would like to also to bring to your attention that the 'harmful communications offence' set out in clause 151 was omitted from the Bill at Report Stage on 5 December, this will be noted in the SLCM (Memorandum No.4).

Yours sincerely,

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