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Dear Huw

I would like to thank you and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution 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 19 December, noting that the Members agreed that consent is required for clauses 151 to 154 and 156 of the Bill, as amended in Public Bill Committee (Part 10 communications offences).

I also note the recommendation made by the Committee that in their view consent is required for clause 159 and Schedule 14, as amended in Public Bill Committee, in relation to amendments that are consequential on clauses 152 and 153. Further legal analysis by my officials confirms that consent is required and as such a further SLCM (Memorandum No.4) was tabled on 21 December.

The Committee's report notes that the 'harmful communications offence' set out in clause 151 was omitted from the Bill at Report Stage on 5 December, I confirm that this has been noted in the SLCM (Memorandum No.4).

Yours sincerely,

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