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By email only

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Dear Peter,

AI and Copyright - Parliamentary Working Group

We write in response to your invitations to participate in a ‘parliamentary working group on AI and copyright’. After discussion, we are writing to seek clarification as well as strongly recommending a different approach is taken to your parliamentary engagement in future.

Communication on this was haphazard at best. The invitations to committees were sent to generic inboxes on Friday evening, with our acceptance—and resources—taken for granted in a broadcast to all colleagues on Saturday morning (albeit otherwise more informative). And all for a matter to be debated tomorrow, Tuesday.

The framing of the proposal is not at all clear on constitution and status, eligibility and protocols for participation, time commitment, objectives and potential outputs. Even the title is confusing, suggestive of a new parliamentary body with a remit to consider, develop and produce something, but “set up and run by DSIT”. Parliament already has bodies which—as your letter kindly acknowledged—work tirelessly at scrutiny, two of which—the Science, Innovation & Technology, and Culture, Media & Sport, Committees—have already taken evidence jointly, incidentally with the self-same title as your proposal, *AI and copyright*, likely only to add to confusion about the provenance and role of the new body. The letter from Minister Bryant, received on Saturday 7 June by all colleagues referred to “seeking expertise from the Commons DSIT and DCMS select committees and the Lords Science and Communications Committees” it would be helpful to have a clear indication of what is intended in this regard.

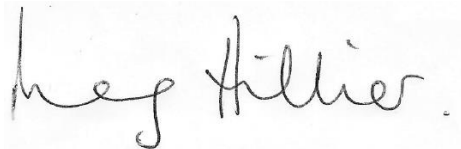
While we welcome your commitment to not ‘compromising the proper scrutiny of Parliament of eventual proposals’, it is clear to us that a modicum of consultation, prior to settling the terms of your initiative, would have been hugely beneficial in terms of:

- keeping all Members, of both Houses, properly and effectively informed on this topic, and

- avoiding even the appearance of confusion, blurring or duplication between support for consultation and accountability via the select committee structure.

We understand the pressures exerted by different parliamentary proceedings and processes, particularly during final legislative stages but urge you to acknowledge that it is precisely in such circumstances that courtesy, clarity and a consultative approach is most important.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meg Hillier".

Meg Hillier MP
Chair of the Liaison Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Dinenage".

Dame Caroline Dinenage MP
Chair, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Chi Onwurah MP
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