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Dear Sarah,

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO WEC'S NCII REPORT

Thank you for your letter of 2 June regarding two of your recommendations from your report into non-consensual intimate image abuse. I am very grateful to the Committee for the work that has gone into this report, and would like to reassure you that we have considered your recommendations very carefully. Tackling violence against women and girls is a top priority for the government; we are very aware of the really serious harms caused by abuse of intimate images, and are continuing to look for the best ways to tackle this horrendous abuse.

Your letter refers to two specific recommendations. Firstly, an accessible route for victims to get their content taken down or blocked. I want to reassure you that we understand the need to facilitate survivors to take fast and effective action towards having their intimate images taken down or blocked, including for those who do not wish to engage with the criminal justice system. It is already the case that the Revenge Porn Helpline has a free tool, Stop NCII, that generates a hash from individuals intimate image(s)/video(s). Stop NCII then shares them with participating providers to enable them to detect and remove the images from being shared across their platforms. We continue to consider this space further across Government, particularly as we develop the upcoming VAWG Strategy and will update you in due course. Whilst we understand the opportunity the Crime and Policing Bill offers, we are carefully considering this as part of the wider online safety apparatus. Additionally, Ofcom has announced that it will shortly consult on measures involving automated tools for taking down non-consensual intimate images.

Statutory six-month time limit for taking and sharing offences

Thank you for setting out your concerns about the time limits for these offences. In our response to your report, we said that we would be considering this issue further and we have done so. We know that there may well be many cases of the "taking", "installing" and "sharing" offences where the offending may not come to light until after six months from the commission of the offence and are therefore considering further actions which may be needed. I would welcome the chance to discuss this with you before the Crime and Policing Bill Report stage debates.

I know that we share the desire to make sure that the law works effectively for victims of these devastating crimes, and I hope that we can come to the solution together which will work best for victims and the whole justice system.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Alex Davies-Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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