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Dear Liam,

**CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, THE MANAGEMENT OF RADIO SPECTRUM
AND POSTAL SERVICES**

I am writing to share with you and your committee, for information, details of the consultation process for the Government's proposed Statement of Strategic Priorities for Telecommunications, the Management of Radio Spectrum and Postal Services.

Under section 2A of the Communications Act 2003 ('the Act'), the Secretary of State may designate a statement that sets out the Government's strategic priorities relating to telecommunications, the management of the radio spectrum, and postal services. The statement cannot be amended within five years unless there is a general election or a significant change in Government policy. The statement may set out particular outcomes identified with a view to achieving the strategic priorities. The current Statement of Strategic Priorities was designated in 2019, and I am now seeking to designate a new statement. The postal services element of the proposed statement has been drafted in collaboration with my Rt Hon. Friend the Secretary of State for Business and Trade.

Section 2C of the Act requires the Secretary of State to consult Ofcom, and any other persons considered appropriate, on a proposed version of the statement for at least 40 days. Today, I am launching a public consultation on the proposed statement on GOV.UK, seeking views from key industry stakeholders. I would be grateful if you, on behalf of your committee, would consider contributing to the consultation.

Following this consultation, changes that appear necessary in view of the responses received must be made to the proposed version of the statement. The statement must then be laid in draft before Parliament, subject to a 40-day objection period. The laying of the draft statement is expected to take place in late 2025.

Once the draft statement has successfully completed its parliamentary procedure it can then be formally designated. Ofcom will then be required under Section 2B, to have regard to the statement when exercising relevant functions. Ofcom must explain what they propose to do in consequence of the statement within 40 days of the designation of the statement, or such



longer period as the Secretary of State may allow. Ofcom will then need to publish annual reviews that set out what it has done each year in consequence of the statement.

A copy of this letter has also been sent to the Chair of the House of Commons Science, Innovation and Technology Committee and the Chair of the House of Lords' Digital and Communications Committee. I will write again to your committee to notify you of the laying of the draft statement before Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Kyle', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology