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Baroness Keeley
Chair of Communications and Digital Lords Select Committee
House of Lords
London, SW1A 0PW

Dear Baroness Keeley,

Government Working Relationship with Ofcom

Thank you once again for the opportunity to appear before the Communications and Digital Committee to discuss the important topic of media literacy. I am writing to follow up on your request for further information regarding government's working relationship with Ofcom.

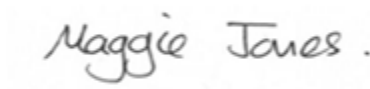
The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) maintains a close and constructive relationship with Ofcom, grounded in regular engagement and a shared commitment to the effective implementation of the Online Safety Act. As you are aware, the Act clarified and added specificity to Ofcom's statutory media literacy duty by placing targeted duties on the regulator to enhance public understanding of online safety, raise awareness of mis- and disinformation, and address harmful content and behaviour, particularly affecting vulnerable groups. As part of that, Ofcom must publish a media literacy strategy every three years.

To support this, my officials meet frequently with Ofcom to share information, align priorities, and ensure our respective approaches are coordinated and not duplicative. This includes fortnightly meetings between DSIT and Ofcom's Media Literacy Teams, where Ofcom provides regular updates on their work under the Online Safety Act and progress on their media literacy strategy, while DSIT communicates relevant government priorities. Alongside this, there is also wider engagement on the implementation of the Act more broadly. This helps to ensure that media literacy is reflected and embedded across Ofcom's wider duties under the Act and that cross-cutting issues are identified and addressed in a coordinated way. My department also plays a crucial role in coordinating media literacy efforts between Ofcom and other government departments to help embed media literacy in broader policy work.

My Department and I value this collaborative and productive relationship with Ofcom and remain committed to supporting their work and ensuring continued alignment on our shared objectives.

I hope this provides the Committee with the further clarity it requested. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if any further information would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maggie Jones." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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