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Dame Chi Onwurah MP
Chair Science Innovation and Technology Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Chi

**ONLINE SAFETY ACT: OFCOM ILLEGAL CONTENT & CHILD SAFETY CODES – TARGETED
AMENDMENT (CRISIS RESPONSE)**

I am writing as the Minister with responsibility for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology's Online Safety Act 2023 ('OSA') implementation programme to inform you and your Committee of an upcoming announcement by Ofcom regarding a targeted amendment to its illegal content and child safety Codes of Practice.

Ofcom has indicated to DSIT that it intends to publish a statement on 9 June confirming that it has finalised a targeted amendment to its illegal content and child safety Codes of Practice for user-to-user services. The amendment introduces additional measures to address public safety crisis incidents resulting in, or caused by, an increase in volumes of illegal content or content harmful to children.

Ofcom has brought forward this measure on an expedited basis in light of the urgency associated with ensuring stronger industry action during public safety crisis incidents and in response to previous Government, Parliamentary and stakeholder concerns.

As part of this publication, Ofcom also intends to make available a consolidated version of the draft Codes incorporating this amendment. As Ofcom will make clear these draft codes have not

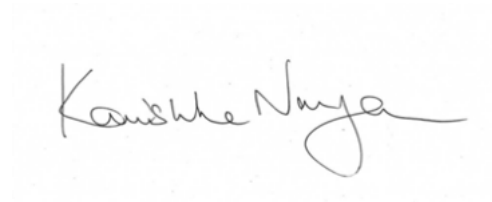


yet been approved by the Secretary of State, are not in force, and remain subject to the statutory process set out in the Act, including parliamentary scrutiny.

Subject to final submission of the draft codes by Ofcom, I intend to lay the updated Codes before Parliament at the earliest opportunity. In line with the procedure set out in the Online Safety Act, this will trigger a 40-day period of Parliamentary scrutiny, during which either House may consider the draft Codes before they are issued by Ofcom.

I am therefore writing to ensure that the Committee is informed in advance of publication.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kanishka Narayan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kanishka" and the last name "Narayan" clearly distinguishable.

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