HOUSE OF LORDS

MINUTES **Session 2026–27**

COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 15th Meeting, held at 2.00 pm on Tuesday, 10 November 2026

Present: Viscount Colville of Culross
Baroness Elliott of Whitburn Bay
Baroness Fleet
Lord Holmes of Richmond
Baroness Keeley (Chair)
Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate
Lord Knight of Weymouth
Lord McNally
Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge
Lord Storey
Lord Tarassenko
Lord Bishop of Winchester

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1. Apologies and notices

Apologies were received from Baroness Caine of Kentish Town.

2. Online Safety Act inquiry: written evidence

The Committee accepted written submissions IOS0077–IOS0080, IOS0087, IOS0097, IOS0106, IOS0114, IOS0117, IOS0123, IOS0126, IOS0130, IOS0134, IOS0137, IOS0147, IOS0152, IOS0158, IOS0160 and IOS0167 as evidence to the inquiry.

3. Online Safety Act inquiry: oral evidence

(i) At 2.30 pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- Professor Clare McGlynn, Professor of Law, Durham Law School, Durham University
- Sophie Mortimer, Head of Services and Revenge Porn Helpline Manager, South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL)
- Janaya Walker, Interim Director, End Violence Against Women Coalition
- Alexandra Whiston-Dew, Partner, Mishcon de Reya

(ii) At 3.30 pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- Ricki-Lee Gerbrandt, Lecturer in Law, Bristol Law School, University of Bristol
- Maya Thomas, Legal and Policy Officer, Big Brother Watch

Full transcripts were taken.

The following member declared relevant interests:

Baroness Owen of Alderley Edge receives pro bono legal advice from Mishcon de Reya to assist with work on image-based sexual abuse.

4. Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on Tuesday 17 November at 2.00 pm in a committee room tbc.

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