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Dear Huw,

Many thanks to you and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee members for considering the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memoranda (Memoranda No.5) in respect of the UK Government's Online Safety Bill.

I welcome the report published by the Committee on 23 June which notes that members agree with the Welsh Government's assessment. That is, that the new offence of encouraging or assisting serious self-harm of others, and the amendments to clause 166 and Schedule 14 of the Bill, fall within the legislative competence of the Senedd, as described in Standing Order 29.1(i), in so far as the new provisions are not related to electronic communications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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