



# House of Commons

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

**Friday 4 November 2016**

*New Amendments handed in are marked thus ★*

☆ *Amendments which will comply with the required notice period at their next appearance*

*Amendments tabled since the last publication: NC2-NC3*

### CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

### DIGITAL ECONOMY BILL, AS AMENDED

#### NOTE

**This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.**

#### NEW CLAUSES

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Calum Kerr

**NC1**

To move the following Clause—

**Digital Economy Bill, *continued***
**“Power to require the blocking of access to pornographic material by internet service providers**

- (1) Where the age-verification regulator determines that a person has made pornographic material available on a commercial basis on the internet to persons in the United Kingdom—
  - (a) in contravention of section 15(1), and
  - (b) the person has been the subject of a financial penalty or enforcement notice under section 20 and the contravention has not ceased,
 the age-verification regulator may issue a notice to internet service providers requiring them to prevent access to the pornographic material that is provided by the non-complying person.
- (2) A notice under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) identify the non-complying person in such manner as the age verification regulator considers appropriate;
  - (b) provide such further particulars as the age-verification regulator considers appropriate.
- (3) When the age-verification regulator gives notice under this section, it must inform the non-complying person, by notice, that it has done so.
- (4) An internet service provider who fails to comply with a requirement imposed by subsection (1) commits an offence, subject to subsection (5).
- (5) No offence is committed under subsection (4) if the internet service provider took all reasonable steps and exercised all due diligence to ensure that the requirement would be complied with.
- (6) An internet service provider guilty of an offence under subsection (4) is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine.
- (7) In this section “internet service provider” has the same meaning as in section 124N of the Communications Act 2003 (interpretation).”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new clause gives a power to the age-verification regulator to require internet service providers to block pornography websites that do not offer age-verification.*

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Liz Saville Roberts  
Jonathan Edwards  
Hywel Williams

NC2

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Code of practice for commercial internet providers on online abuse**

- (1) The relevant Minister must issue a code of practice about the responsibilities of commercial internet providers in dealing with online abuse.
- (2) The code of practice must include guidance on—
  - (a) how a commercial internet provider shall respond to cases of a person being victim of online abuse on its internet site;
  - (b) quality service standards expected of the commercial internet provider in determining, assessing, and responding to cases of online abuse; and

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- (c) the setting and enforcement of privacy settings of persons aged 17 or under, where deemed appropriate.
- (3) A commercial internet provider must comply with the code of practice.
- (4) The relevant Minister may from time to time revise and re-issue the code of practice.
- (5) As soon as is reasonably practicable after issuing or reissuing the code of practice the relevant Minister must lay, or arrange for the laying of, a copy of it before—
  - (a) Parliament,
  - (b) the Scottish Parliament,
  - (c) the National Assembly for Wales, and
  - (d) the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- (6) In this section “commercial internet provider” means a person who operates an internet site on a commercial basis.”

Liz Saville Roberts  
Jonathan Edwards  
Hywel Williams

NC3

★ To move the following Clause—

**“Safety responsibilities of social media sites**

- (1) This section applies to a person who operates an internet site for commercial purposes which requires a user to create a personal account to fully access the internet site.
- (2) A person under subsection (1) must—
  - (a) undertake and publish an online safety impact assessment in respect of their account holders,
  - (b) inform the police if they become aware of any threat on its internet site to physically harm an individual,
  - (c) remove any posts made on its internet site that are deemed to be violent or that could incite violence.”

Kit Malthouse

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Clause 20, page 22, line 26, at end insert—

- “(13) Where a person is—
  - (a) based in a country outside the United Kingdom, and
  - (b) refusing to comply with the requirements of the age-verification regulator, the age-verification regulator shall notify Ofcom that the relevant person is refusing to comply with its requirements.
- (14) Following a notification made under subsection (13), Ofcom shall direct internet service providers in the United Kingdom to block public access to the material made available by the person on the internet.

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- (15) An internet service provider that fails to comply with subsection (14) within a reasonable period would be subject to financial penalties imposed by the age-verification regulator under section 21.”
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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [13 SEPTEMBER 2016, AS AMENDED ON 18 OCTOBER 2016]

That the following provisions shall apply to the Digital Economy Bill:

#### *Committal*

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

#### *Proceedings in Public Bill Committee*

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 1 November 2016.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

#### *Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading*

4. Proceedings on Consideration and any proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

#### *Other proceedings*

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
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