WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES BY DEPUTY C.D. CURTIS OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 15th APRIL 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024

Question

"Further to <u>information provided by the Minister to the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</u> regarding the decision not to extend the UK's <u>Online Safety Act</u> to Jersey, will the Minister state who made this decision?"

Answer

The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development made the decision in September 2022 not to pursue a Permissive Extent Clause in the Online Safety Act. This followed a review of the UK legislation and corresponding Jersey law which indicated that Jersey could legislate locally for the same purposes (if desired). Officers in Economy and Justice and Home Affairs are scoping legislation to protect against digital harms, alongside incorporating recommendations from the Violence Against Women and Girls Task Force.