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Deputy Alex Curtis Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

BY EMAIL

18th April 2023

Dear Assistant Minister,

Digital Economy Strategy

Thank you for your letter of 12th April 2023 regarding the Digital Economy Strategy.

Upon consideration, the Panel has the following further questions and would be grateful to receive your views.

- 1. The Panel received information concerning Cyber Security from the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture in a <u>letter</u> of 1st March 2023. What consideration has been given to the implications of Russian influence or security threats upon countries such as Estonia, in forming Digital Strategy and perceptions of vulnerabilities in this respect by jurisdictions such as the United States? In this respect, we note the recent visit by the Estonian Ambassador which was <u>reported</u> to be primarily focused around the digital sector.
- 2. What forms of "Problem Definition", a standard process in ISO9000 management, are you employing in the development of the Digital Economy Strategy?
- 3. Digital Identification has been a topic of discussion for some time: what problem statement have you formulated to identify desired outcomes in this area or actions are you undertaking to establish such a problem statement?

We would be grateful if you could respond to this no later than 25th April 2023, in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

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