

# Online Safety Bill

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**After Clause 1**

LORD STEVENSON OF BALMACARA

Insert the following new Clause—

**“Purposes of Act**

- (1) This Act has the following purposes—
  - (a) to secure that regulated internet services comply with UK law and do not endanger public health or national security,
  - (b) to provide a higher level of protection for children than for adults in respect of regulated internet services,
  - (c) to identify and mitigate the risk of reasonably foreseeable harm arising from the operation and design of regulated internet services,
  - (d) to recognise and respond to the disproportionate level of harms experienced in relation to regulated internet services by people on the basis of one or more protected characteristic,
  - (e) to apply the overarching principle that regulated internet services should be safe by design,
  - (f) to safeguard freedom of expression within the law and privacy in relation to regulated internet services, and
  - (g) to secure that regulated internet services operate with transparency and accountability in respect of online safety.
- (2) The Secretary of State and OFCOM must have regard to the need to fulfil these purposes in exercising functions under this Act.”

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This new Clause would implement a recommendation of the Joint Committee which carried out pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill, setting out a range of purposes for the legislation and making clear that both the Secretary of State and OFCOM must have regard to those purposes when exercising their statutory functions.*

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