Press Release Select Committee on Deliberate Online Falsehoods

Following the completion of the hearings, the Committee received emails from 5 witnesses requesting amendments to the Summaries of Evidence that were published on the Parliament website. The Summaries were produced as working notes for reference each day. The Committee's analysis and report will be based on the full verbatim transcripts of the Hearings, as well as the written submissions. As all witnesses before the Select Committee were told, they will be able to check the transcripts of their own appearances.

2 Some of the requested amendments were incorporated into a new version of the Summary of Evidence; some were not.

Ms Kirsten Han

Ms Han requested 11 amendments. The Summary of Evidence has been amended to reflect 5 of these points.

Ms Han had also written separately to the Committee enquiring if the matter would be addressed urgently and if the Summary would be taken down pending a review. The Committee notes that her position on the Summary of her own testimony is in stark contrast to the view she expressed before the Select Committee on the takedown of online falsehoods. Nothing should be taken down, save as a last resort, she had suggested.

Mr Howard Lee

Mr Lee requested no amendments to the existing statements, but asked for 5 additional points to be included. These have been included.

Mr Jolovan Wham

Mr Wham was concerned that the written representation of Community Action Network was not taken into account. Written representations will be taken into account in the Committee's report and analysis. He further asked for an additional point to be inserted to the Summary of his evidence. This was inserted.

Mr Terry Xu

Mr Xu requested three amendments, and 2 were inserted.

Mr Gaurav Keerthi

Mr Keerthi requested 9 amendments, and 5 were inserted.

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