



Online Safety Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 50

PART 9

SECRETARY OF STATE'S FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO REGULATED SERVICES

Directions to OFCOM

174 Directions about advisory committees

- (1) The Secretary of State may give OFCOM a direction requiring OFCOM to establish a committee to provide them with advice about online safety matters of a kind specified in the direction.
- (2) The Secretary of State must consult OFCOM before giving or varying such a direction.
- (3) A committee required to be established by a direction is to consist of the following members, unless the direction specifies otherwise—
 - (a) a chairman appointed by OFCOM, and
 - (b) such number of other members appointed by OFCOM as OFCOM consider appropriate.
- (4) A committee required to be established by a direction must, unless the direction specifies otherwise, publish a report within the period of 18 months after being established, and after that must publish periodic reports.
- (5) The Secretary of State may vary or revoke a direction given under this section.