



## **Media Statement**

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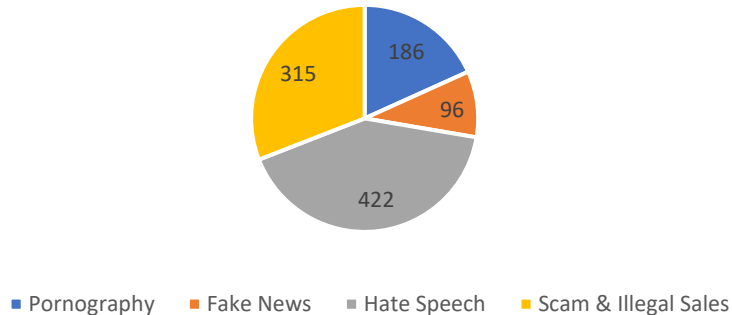
### **MCMC PROTECTS INDIVIDUALS FROM ONLINE HARMS**

In response to a news report headlining Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms including Meta and TikTok saw jump in government requests to remove content in 2023, the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) clarifies that these efforts are aimed at protecting users from the significant increase of online harms, and not about stifling diverse views.

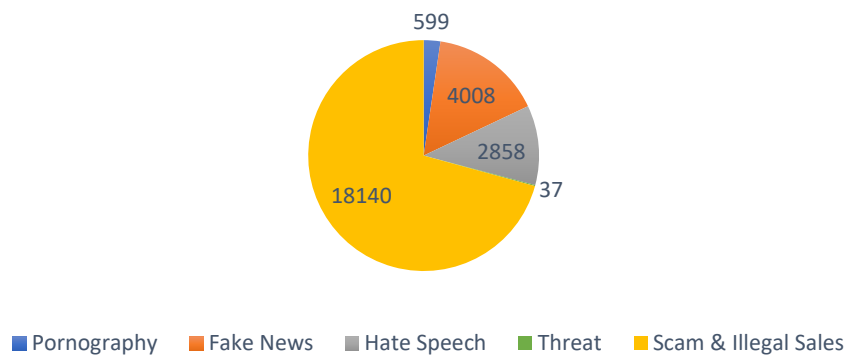
Statistics from MCMC revealed that, an alarming 24-fold increase in harmful content on social media and OTT platforms, from 1,019 in 2022 to 25,642 in 2023, including scams, illegal sales, gambling, fake news, and hate speech, poses a significant threat to Malaysia's social fabric and institutions. Hate speech, in particular, has the potential to incite violence, discrimination, and harassment, highlighting the importance of enforcing rules and regulations for content moderation and removal to safeguard users from online harms.

Refer to stats on harmful contents below:

### Statistics on Harmful Contents Year 2022 - 1,019 Contents



### Statistics on Harmful Contents Year 2023 - 25,642 Contents



Source: MCMC

It is essential for the government, regulatory bodies and OTT platforms to work together to address these issues while upholding the diversity of views. This is to ensure the safety and well-being of all users in the online space.

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