

HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ONLINE SAFETY

Additional Question on Notice – 10 March 2022

On 9 March 2022, the Chair of the House Select Committee on Social Media and Online Safety, Ms Lucy Wicks MP, issued the following question on notice to the Office of the eSafety Commissioner:

- Can you please provide the most recent statistics regarding the number and proportion of complaints made to eSafety about online harm that relates to defamation (in contrast to other forms of abuse)?

Answer:

- Since 23 January 2022, the eSafety Commissioner has handled more than 480 complaints from Australian adults experiencing abuse and harassment online through the Adult Cyber Abuse Scheme.
- About one-third of all complaints relate to potentially defamatory material.