

Dear Secretariat,

Independent Schools Australia (ISA) attended the hearing Tuesday 23 July in Canberra and received the following question on notice:

*How are you planning to make sure that there's an educative piece so that students know about these new rules?*

As Independent schools are not systemic, they rely on the Association of Independent Schools (AISs) in each state and territory, the Departments of Education and their respective curriculum authorities to advise them of important changes or necessary inclusions to curriculum. ISA, as the national peak body, distributes relevant information on national issues to our AIS state and territory members.

ISA has formed a Consent and Respectful Relationships Education national group of AIS Leads and this would be one of the key channels for the distribution of information of changes to the Criminal Code. They are responsible for leading the Consent and Respectful Relationships Education in their AIS to support their Independent school members with programs, education advice and professional development opportunities to support teachers who are responsible for teaching consent and respectful relationships. The issue of deepfake sexual material is part of these educative programs.

Please let me know if you require further information.