

Joint Select Committee on Social Media and Australian Society

Attorney-General's Department

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Zoe Daniel asked the following question:

1. You mention ‘options to encourage mandatory uplift of online safety standards including age assurance to ensure the best interests of the child are prioritised’ – what kind of options?

The response to the question is as follows:

The department’s submission to this inquiry notes that there are a number of available options that would support a safety uplift across the online ecosystem and provide greater protections from child sexual abuse for children.

This includes but is not limited to establishing an overarching obligation to child safety in designing platforms and services, the deployment of safety technologies, and client-side scanning tools to support prevention efforts while maintaining user privacy.