



MEDIA ALERT

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**House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Communications**

Chair: Ms Belinda Neal MP
Deputy Chair: Mrs Kay Hull MP

Cyber Crime report — to be released Monday night

Ms Belinda Neal MP, Chair of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications will table the report of the inquiry into cyber crime on Monday, 21 June 2010. The 260 page report will be tabled in the House of Representatives in Canberra at about 9.00pm.

The report will be available on the Committee's website after tabling at:
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/coms/cybercrime/report.htm>

The Committee will conduct a media conference on Tuesday 22 June.

Media Conference details

Date and Time: 11.30am, Tuesday 22 June 2010

Venue: Parliament House, Committee Room 2S1

The media conference will be webcast at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Background information on the inquiry

The Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, wrote to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Communications in May 2009 asking it to inquire into cyber crime and its effects on Australian consumers. The Committee was asked to investigate the nature, prevalence and impact of cyber crime in Australia, and to examine current and future measures to combat cyber crime. The inquiry investigated a range of online risks including viruses, Trojans, botnets, scams and identity theft.

The House Communications Committee received 68 submissions and over 20 exhibits. It examined 55 witnesses at public hearings conducted in Canberra and Sydney from August 2009 to March 2010.

Submissions to the inquiry, public hearing transcripts and the full terms of reference can be accessed from the Committee's website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/coms/cybercrime/index.htm>

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