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Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

Chair: Senator Dana Wortley
Deputy Chair: Alex Hawke MP

AUSTRALIAN COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA AUTHORITY TO APPEAR BEFORE CYBER-SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) will give evidence at a public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety in Canberra on Thursday March 3, 2011.

The public hearing will be held at Parliament House, Canberra, between 8.15am and 10.30am in Committee Room 1R.6. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

“Over 242,000 teachers, students, parents and key stakeholders have attended either a presentation or workshop to date, whilst there have been over 600,000 visits to the Cybersmart website.” said Senator Wortley, the chair of the Cyber-Safety Committee.

Senator Wortley said parents need support when it comes to identifying and responding to cybersafety and security risks for their children.

“A recent survey by the Australian Children’s Cybersafety and E-Security Research Project shows that just under 50% of parents surveyed felt they were well informed about cybersafety issues,” she said.

“The survey, which was commissioned by the Australian Government, also showed that almost 20% had never spoken to their children about online risks.”

Senator Wortley said the Committee was looking forward to hearing from ACMA which has developed an online guide to cybersafety for parents through its Cybersmart website.

The hearing will be audio-webcast live at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

The Committee continues to welcome submissions on all the terms of reference and will announce further hearings soon.

Further information on the inquiry is available from the Committee’s website, <http://www.aph.gov.au/jssc> or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4202.

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