

**Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety**Chair: Senator Dana Wortley
Deputy Chair: Alex Hawke MP

Industry Roundtable on Cyber-Safety

The Internet industry will join federal parliamentarians for a roundtable hearing at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Office, Melbourne on Thursday 8 July.

The Safer Internet Group, a coalition of industry, state schools and libraries, will be joined by major internet service providers and content hosts, Telstra and Internode and social media companies Yahoo7! and ninemsn. Symantec, the producers of Norton Family Online, will also take part in the hearing.

The roundtable hearing will be an initial discussion on ways the industry can promote cyber-safety for school age children, including filtering technologies, age verification, content regulation and education and awareness programs.

“Children and young people are growing up in a highly connected world, they use multiple media platforms for gaming, chat rooms, SMS and social media to communicate with their peers. It is an exciting world for kids, who may make no distinction between the new media and their off-line relationships,” Committee Chair Senator Dana Wortley said.

“However, some children are vulnerable both offline and online, and we need to be alert to the risks as well as the great benefits of the digital economy. The industry provides the access, the platforms and much of the content, and has an important role in keeping kids safe” she said.

The public roundtable hearing will be held on **Thursday 8 July between 10.00am - 2.00pm in Room G 38, Commonwealth Parliament Offices, Melbourne**. The hearing will be audio-webcast live at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Due to the requirements of the venue, only limited numbers of known guests will be able to observe the hearing. Members of the public wishing to observe the hearing are required to provide their name, organisation (if applicable) and address to the Secretariat by no later than **11.00am 7 July**. These details may be emailed to jssc@aph.gov.au.

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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