

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Consistent cyber safety education

Senator McKENZIE: Yes, you can. Has the department met with AEEYSOC to address issues around national core standards for cybersafety in education, and a national scheme to encourage all Australian schools to accept acceptable use policies? Mr Davies: Can you explain a bit more about what you meant by 'core standards'. I am not sure I understand that. Senator McKENZIE: National core standards for cybersafety education in schools, so that we are all doing the same thing on the same issue in different places. Mr Davies: Not that I am aware of, but again, please allow me to check back on notice. I do not want to mislead you on that. Senator McKENZIE: That is great. Mr Cook: It is likely that conversation would have happened around the Alannah and Madeline Foundation eSmart program, which is why some states and territories are now rolling it out at a state level. There would be consistency, for example between Queensland and Victoria, around the information that is within that training program. But, as Mr Davies has said, we will take that on notice and provide you with some additional information.

Answer

The Australian Government has prepared a consolidated response to the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-safety's interim report *High-Wire Act: Cyber-safety and the Young*. The response was tabled in Parliament in December 2011.

The department is currently drafting a paper in consultation with Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE) and the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) to go to AEEYSOC in May 2012.