

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No. EW0130\_13**

**Senator McKenzie provided in writing.**

**Question**

***National Secondary School Computer Fund - cyber safety***

What monies has the dept allocated towards cybersafety professional development and parent education to schools under the National Secondary School Computer Fund? If none, what is being done to ensure participating school communities' cybersafety education needs are met through this initiative?

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations does not allocate monies towards cyber safety professional development and parent education to schools under the National Secondary School Computer Fund.

Though highly relevant to education, the issue of cyber safety is the portfolio responsibility of the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE). Through DBCDE, the Australian Government is providing a safe online environment for all families through the Cyber Safety Plan and initiatives including NetAlert. In that context, \$125.8 million has been committed to the Cyber Safety initiative which includes a comprehensive range of cyber safety measures, including law enforcement, filtering and education. This approach is based on the key role parents and carers have in the online safety of children, providing them with the necessary information to assist with this task.