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Answers to Questions on Notice

Topic: Internet Filtering - Websense parameters

Question P16, F&PA 36

Senator NETTLE—Do you know if you did make restrictions? When you took Websense on, do you know if you gave them a set of parameters to say, 'We only want these types blocked.'
Mr Kenny—Yes, we can provide you with the parameters about what is blocked as a result of us installing Websense.
Senator NETTLE—That would be good.

Answer

1. DPS implemented the standard websense suite of filter categories for internet sites, which comprises:

   (a) Adult material;

   (b) Gambling;

   (c) Games;

   (d) Illegal or questionable;

   (e) Racism and hate;

   (f) Tasteless;

   (g) Violence; and

   (h) Weapons.