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Discord

Senator Hanson-Young has placed the following written questions on notice to the OAIC.

If you could take this on notice, we'd like to know how many Australians were impacted by the Discord data breach. If you've got access to that information now, great; otherwise, take it on notice.

The response to the senator's question is as follows:

Discord advised the OAIC that 68,122 Australian users have been impacted by the data breach.

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Tools of enforcement

Senator Henderson has placed the following written questions on notice to the OAIC.

Senator HENDERSON: In other words, you are waiting, or you are required to wait until the privacy breach has occurred, before you can act? And you do not have the tools to act proactively. The tools of enforcement should include the ability to audit and to check these companies are doing the right thing. Again, I ask: did you raise your concerns with the minister or with the government more broadly?

Ms Kind: Yes, during the drafting of the legislation that is something we raised with the department.

Senator HENDERSON: Could you please provide on notice the details of what you submitted to the department. Were your concerns not heard?

The response to the senator's question is as follows:

The OAIC made a public submission (November 2024) to the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Inquiry into the provisions of the Bill, and the submission was shared with AGD. The OAIC also provided views to AGD via email about additional powers that the OAIC would benefit from in relation to the enforcement of the relevant provisions.