

**Australian Child Rights Taskforce—Response to a written question on notice asked
by Senator Dean Smith**

Question: Were you consulted by the eSafety Commissioner or the Government in developing the social media age minimum changes or the internet search engine code?

Response:

The Australian Child Rights Taskforce has been given the opportunity to provide its views to the eSafety Commissioner in relation to her role in the development of the legislated requirements to introduce social media age minimum changes and to comment on the internet search engine code.

The Australian Child Rights Taskforce has taken the opportunity to provide its views to the Government in relation to the proposal to introduce social media age minimum changes and to comment on the online safety codes generally. I enclose examples of our views on each (letter dated 31 January 2023 and letter dated 9 October 2024).

The Australian Child Rights Taskforce was not specifically consulted by the Government in relation to the development of its proposal to introduce social media age minimum changes.