Senate Select Committee on Adopting Artificial Intelligence (AI)

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Attorney-General's Department

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David Pocock asked the following question:

Senator DAVID POCOCK: Okay. In the government's response to the Privacy Act review, the government agreed to the establishment of a children's online privacy code. Has the government had any stakeholder consultation on the COPC since the release of that response?

Ms Fitch: The main work that we've been focused on with respect to the children's code is developing the architecture which would sit in the Act to support the code itself. The code would then be made by a code developer and sit as a code in the framework of the Act alongside that. We have been meeting with stakeholders about relevant issues, but the code development has not begun.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: So you've been meeting about different issues. Have you had stakeholder consultation on the code?

Ms Fitch: We have been talking to stakeholders about issues for some time, including throughout the course of the Privacy Act review process and since the government response, yes.

Senator DAVID POCOCK: On notice, could you provide a list of who's been consulted on that?

Ms Fitch: Yes, I'm happy to do that on notice, Senator.

The response to the question is as follows:

Since the Government Response to the Privacy Act Review was released on 28 September 2023, the Privacy Reform Taskforce in the Attorney-General's Department has formally met with the following stakeholder organisations external to Government, to discuss matters including the framework to support development of a Children's Online Privacy Code:

- Alannah and Madeline Foundation
- Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Monash University
- Centre for AI and Digital Ethics, University of Melbourne
- Children and Media Australia
- ChildFund Australia
- CHOICE
- Consumer Policy Research Centre
- Digital Rights Watch
- Electronic Frontiers
- Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education
- IDCARE
- Reset.Tech Australia
- Uniting Church in Australia Synod of Victoria and Tasmania