



**House of Representatives
Standing Committee on Communications**

Chair: Ms Belinda Neal MP
Deputy Chair: Mrs Kay Hull MP

Seniors to appear before Cyber Crime Inquiry

The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA), will appear at a House of Representatives Communications Committee's public hearing for its Inquiry into Cyber Crime on Wednesday, 28 October 2009.

The ASCCA is a peak body, representing a national network of over one hundred and forty seniors computer clubs in every State and Territory. Mrs Nan Bosler, President of ASCCA, will answer questions on how to promote good IT literacy and reduce e-security risks among Australian seniors.

Committee Chair Belinda Neal said there is no age barrier to taking up computer technology and getting onto the Internet.

"It is important that government, IT vendors, and online businesses respond to the needs and interests of all age groups," Ms Neal said.

"Seniors are one of the fastest growing age groups to take up the use of computers, which are often purchased by a son or daughter as a way of keeping up more regular contact. Being able to send email and receive and send photos can help cut down isolation and online transactions are convenient for someone unable to travel easily to local services".

"Seniors are an important segment of the communications market but some seniors have not acquired computing skills during their working life. A national approach to computer literacy for everyone in our community should reduce vulnerability of older Australians to cyber crime", Ms Neal said.

The Committee's public hearing will be held **Wednesday, 28 October 2009, 12.30 pm to 2 pm in Committee Room 1R4**. The hearing will be audio webcast on:
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

Further information on the inquiry, including the terms of reference can be obtained from the Committee's web site: www.aph.gov.au/coms or from the Secretariat on (02) 6277 4601.

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