



Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety

Chair: Senator Catryna Bilyk
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AFP says Seniors need to be informed digital citizens

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) will discuss how it is working with its state and territory counterparts and international law enforcement agencies to combat cybercrime, at a public hearing of the parliamentary inquiry into cyber-safety for senior Australians in Canberra tomorrow.

In its submission to the inquiry, the AFP told the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety that cybersafety requires more than just law enforcement. It requires a multi-faceted approach including law enforcement, policy and legislation, education and also some level of user vigilance. The AFP said it is crucial that seniors are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to use information and communications technologies safely.

Committee chair Senator Catryna Bilyk said the inquiry has shown that all internet users need to exercise caution in their cyber transactions, be they social, financial or commercial.

"The committee is looking forward to hearing from the Australian Federal Police in what is scheduled to be the final public hearing for the inquiry into cybersafety for seniors," Ms Bilyk said.

"The inquiry has been running for well over a year and we have taken a large body of evidence from a very diverse range of stakeholders.

"The public hearing tomorrow will complete the evidence-taking part of the inquiry."

The committee's public hearing on **Wednesday 13 March 2013** will commence at **4.30pm** in **Committee Room 1R5, Parliament House, Canberra**.

Audio of proceedings in Committee Room 1R5 will be webcast at www.aph.gov.au/live.

For further information about the inquiry please go to the committee's web site at <http://www.aph.gov.au/jscc>.

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