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Senator Dana Wortley Chair Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety PO BOX 6021 Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600 Supplementary Submission No. 82.1 Inquiry into Cyber-Safety

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Dear Senator Wortley

Thank you for your letter of 30 November 2010 acknowledging the ACT Government's Submission to the Australian Parliament Joint Select Committee on Cyber Safety. I appreciate the Committee's invitation to provide any updates and further comments.

Given the comprehensive overview of initiatives outlined in the ACT Government's initial Submission to the Inquiry, I would like to advise that the Submission remains current and take the opportunity to provide a brief update on initiatives since mid 2010.

At the time of the original submission a sub-group of the *Safe Schools Taskforce* was investigating opportunities to hold an ACT cyber safety forum in 2011. We are now in a position to confirm that this summit will be going ahead at the Canberra Convention Centre on 18 March 2011, to coincide with the first annual National Day of Action against bullying and violence. The summit: *Who r u in the digital world?* will involve year 9 students from all public, private and independent schools in the ACT, and is being sponsored by the Department of Education and Training, the Australian Federal Police, and InTACT, the ICT service provider for the ACT Government.

The National Launch of the *Cybersafety Help Button* recently took place at Telopea Park School in the ACT on 7 December 2010. Information about the tool has been disseminated to schools in the ACT and will contribute to the cyber safety summit next year. The ACT Government will continue to actively participate in the National Cybercrime Work Group as an important mechanism for inter-jurisdictional cooperation. The ACT Government maintains that particular attention to education and support to parents in how to manage their children's access to safe use of the Internet remains an essential focus of cyber safety.

Again, I trust the ACT Government submission will assist the Committee in its deliberations and look forward to the outcomes of the Inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA Chief Minister

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