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Question

Senator Wortley asked Ms Chidgey, during the public hearing of the Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety in Canberra on 24 March 2011:

The Attorney-General's Department has provided resources for consumers regarding personal information stored online. Have you had feedback from that at this stage?

Answer

The Attorney-General launched the Protecting Yourself Online - What Everyone Needs to Know publication as part of last year's National Cyber Security Awareness Week (6-11 June 2010). Since its launch, over 120,000 copies of the booklet and 270,000 copies of the pamphlet have been distributed.

The Department has received positive feedback from government, industry and community stakeholders who have received or distributed the publication. The accessibility of the information within the booklet has been particularly well received.

Based on its success, the Department is currently updating the publication for re-release and further distribution at this year's National Cyber Security Awareness Week (30 May - 3 June 2011).

The Department has also produced the ID Theft – Protecting your Identity booklet. The booklet provides Australians with practical strategies on how to protect against becoming a victim of identity theft and what to do if they become one. Since the Government launched the booklet in 2009, over 60,000 copies have been distributed throughout the country to individuals and to police agencies for use in crime prevention activities. The booklet is also used in training courses led by Private Sector and NGOs.