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Topic: eSafety resources outreach cost

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: I will just put the volunteer and NGO community to one side. In terms of that outreach to inform people about the availability of the resources, do you have a costing for that? And exactly how will you do that?

Ms Inman-Grant: I can take that on notice in terms of the costing. I am currently working within the budget constraints and the staff constraints that we have right now. I am in the process of restructuring the office. I am going to include a more robust communications and marketing function so that we can look at those questions around getting the word out more effectively. That is one of my plans.

Answer:

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner (OCeSC) is currently considering the options and processes best suited to facilitate awareness of the Office's expanded role and resources. This process is not finalised yet and therefore we are unable to provide costs associated with the outreach activities referred to above.

The *Enhancing Online Safety for Children Amendment Bill* is currently being considered, and the OCeSC will determine the outreach process and costs if the bill is passed.