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Topic: Children's e-Safety Commissioner

Senator Urquhart asked:

Was a regulatory impact statement on the proposal for an e-Safety Commissioner prepared before the release of the discussion paper? If not, will a regulatory impact statement be prepared before the position is established?

Answer:

The Australian Government's discussion paper entitled *Enhancing Online Safety for Children*, released for public consultation undertaken from 22 January and 7 March 2014, was designed to attract input to assist in detailed design of the policy and develop a Regulation Impact Statement (RIS).

In accordance with *the Australian Government Guide to Regulation*, a RIS is being prepared as part of the legislative proposal to implement the policy.