

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
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Senator Fielding asked on 25 February 2009, EEW Hansard page 69:

Question

Alannah and Madeline Foundation (AMF) National Pilot to increase Cyber-Safety in schools.

Senator Fielding asked the Department for further information on the *National Pilot to increase Cyber-Safety in schools* including contractual relationship with AMF and the names and roles of people running the National Pilot.

Senator FIELDING—And probably the reason you actually chose them is that they have a very strong track record in this area.

Ms Paul—And I think we have done quite a lot of work with them, too. So we have an existing relationship with them. We could get for you—not the names—the titles and the roles of the people who are running it. We would have a contractual relationship with Alannah and Madeline and we would have satisfied ourselves that the governance was appropriate, because we would have to do that to have a contract with them, which we would have.

Senator FIELDING—If you could provide a bit of information, that would be great.

Answer

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation has been contracted by the Government to pilot an approach to cyber-bullying under a funding agreement.

The Pilot project is managed by the General Manager of Cybersafety, AMF and is overseen by the AMF CEO. Many of the activities to support the National Pilot will be undertaken by existing AMF staff and additional staff have been contracted to the National Pilot, including:

- Schools Support Services Project Leader;
- Schools Liaison Officer;
- Help Desk staff
- Administration Assistant;
- Web Manager;
- Cybersafety and Wellbeing content specialist (who will add jurisdiction-specific content);
- Communications Coordinator, and
- Schools Grants Administrator.

Schools participating in the pilot will be provided with financial support depending on their specific role in the pilot. There will be three levels of grant depending on the particular objectives for which the school has been selected to participate. This layering will provide information for the evaluation about the degree and intensity of support required by schools to implement the initiative.

AMF will be providing progress reports to the Department.

As part of the Pilot, there will be an independent evaluation which will contribute to the review of the National Safe Schools Framework and will inform further Government consideration of options for tackling cyber safety.