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eSafety ref: FOI 24259

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Dear Applicant

Your freedom of information request

I refer to your request to the eSafety Commissioner (eSafety) on 22 October 2024 for access to documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act). Specifically:

How will the proposed age verification process function in practice for all proposed methods from a technical perspective? Is ESafety able to provide diagrams, technical design documentation etc

Could you please provide detailed information on the specific uses of age verification data? For instance, will the eSafety Commissioner or private companies have access to age verification data, such as facial recognition data or provided ID information? Additionally, will the eSafety Commissioner have the capability to associate potentially collected identifiable data with actual internet usage, such as visits to pornographic sites for example URLs, searches conducted on sites or content viewed? Or will esafety have the ability to compel private companies to provide this information.

If private companies are responsible for implementing age verification, has there been any research or measures taken to ensure that the data captured will be protected from data collection practices governed by legislation in the private companies' respective countries?

(request).

Request is not valid

On 14 November 2024, you were notified that eSafety does not consider your request to be valid under section 15 of the FOI Act as it does not provide such information concerning the documents sought as is reasonably necessary to enable eSafety to identify the documents.

We invited you to consult with eSafety with a view to amending or clarifying your request so that it complies with section 15 of the FOI Act and provides the information necessary to enable eSafety to identify the documents sought by you.

eSafety also advised that if we did not receive a response by close of business on 28 November 2024, we may treat your request as having been withdrawn and close your request.

Withdrawal of request

As we have not received a response from you, your request has been taken to be withdrawn.

If you have any questions or wish to make a new FOI request, please contact me at FOI@eSafety.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

Manager, Legal - Business Services