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Sent: S47F(1) [REDACTED]
To: Wednesday, 24 August 2011 5:14 pm
Cc: Public Affairs
Subject: Glenn, Richard; Pirani, Toni; Treyde, Peter
FW: Online Copyright meeting - September, attention: Tracy [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High
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Hi Tracy,

Please find our response to the media enquiry below.

Happy to discuss.

Deb
x3445

Is the department aware that 2 of the 3 industry representative groups (AFACT and DEAA) invited to participate in discussions regarding online piracy in September are both headed up by Mr Neil Gane, and are effectively the same group?

The DEAA is the representative body participating in the discussions. We understand that AFACT will attend as a member of the DEAA.

Is the department concerned that groups such as EFA who represent consumers and online users have been overlooked in favour of inviting the same group twice?

Consumer groups were not overlooked when arranging the discussion. The Department will consult with relevant consumer groups once industry discussions have reached an appropriate stage.

From: Public Affairs
Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2011 4:48 pm
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Subject: FW: Online Copyright meeting - September, attention: Tracy [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi [REDACTED] S47F(1)

Please find below an enquiry from the Canberra Times. The journalist has asked for an answer this evening?

Regards,
Tracy

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Sent: Wednesday, 24 August 2011 4:27 pm
To: Public Affairs
Subject: Online Copyright meeting - September, attention: Tracy

Hi Tracy

As per our discussion just now, the Minister's office has asked that I put the following questions directly to the department -

Is the department aware that 2 of the 3 industry representative groups (AFACT and DEAA) invited to participate in discussions regarding online piracy in September are both headed up by Mr Neil Gane, and are effectively the same group?

Is the department concerned that groups such as EFA who represent consumers and online users have been overlooked in favour of inviting the same group twice?

I am in office until 10pm tonight and have a deadline of 9pm.

Cheers

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From: Ko, Desmond
Sent: Monday, 22 August 2011 3:28 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [S47F(1)] Glenn, Richard; Pirani, Toni; Treyde, Peter
Subject: RE: Media Query - The Australian - AG round table discussions on online copyright infringement [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Thanks [REDACTED] and Peter. [S47F(1)]

There might be more questions on the way. I'll call to confirm either way.

Des

From: [REDACTED] [S47F(1)]
Sent: Monday, 22 August 2011 3:26 pm
To: Ko, Desmond
Cc: Glenn, Richard; Pirani, Toni; Treyde, Peter
Subject: FW: Media Query - The Australian - AG round table discussions on online copyright infringement [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi Des,

As you have just discussed with Peter, we have provided a suggested response below.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,
Deb
Ph: 6141 3445

Have the stakeholders accepted the invitation and is the meeting still scheduled to go ahead on 23 September?

The Department is expecting all invited stakeholders to attend the roundtable on 23 September 2011.

Why has the AG decided to seek industry cooperation contemplating new laws while the main test case examining ISP liability for online copyright infringement (AFACT vs. iiNet) is still on appeal before Federal Courts?

Irrespective of the outcome of the litigation in the High Court, unauthorised file sharing will continue and will need to be addressed in some form.

It is the Government's preference to have an industry-based solution but will look closely at the outcomes of industry consultations and is open to considering other options should industry be unable to agree on a solution.

I am aware that the Secretary of my Department will be holding preliminary discussions with key copyright and ISP industry stakeholders in September.

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From: Ko, Desmond
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As discussed.

Happy to discuss.

Regards

Des

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Subject: Media Query - The Australian - AG round table discussions on online copyright infringement
Importance: High

Hi Ryan,

Please find the query below on the letter we discussed:

The Australian has obtained a copy of a letter written by the secretary of the federal Attorney General Roger Wilkins inviting major carriers and content rights holders to enter discussions to address online copyright infringement.

The invitation is addressed to AFACT, Optus, Telstra, the IIA, ACIG and the Communications Alliance. The letter indicates that the meetings will take place 23 September.

The letter makes particular reference to liability for copyright infringement that ISP's potentially face and in it Mr Wilkins writes:

"The AG has consistently stated that his preference is for an industry-based solution, but that he is open to other options, including legislation, should industry cooperation fail."

Have the stakeholders accepted the invitation and is the meeting still scheduled to go ahead on 23 September?

Why has the AG decided to seek industry cooperation contemplating new laws while the main test case examining ISP liability for online copyright infringement (AFACT vs. iiNet) is still on appeal before Federal Courts?

Best Regards,

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