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**From:** Seebach, Anthony  
**Sent:** Thursday, 2 November 2023 4:50 PM  
**To:** s 22 s 22  
**Subject:** Re: Future Female Entrepreneurs Program [SEC=OFFICIAL]

The COSBOA-89 Degrees East relationship is interesting.

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## Questions from previous hearings

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## Measures that support small business

### Cyber Wardens

#Ref: 1B

**The Government is supporting small businesses to build in-house capability to protect against cyber threats through the Cyber Wardens Program.**

- ▶ Budget 2023-24: TSY funding of \$23.4 million over three years
- ▶ COSBOA to receive grant of \$22.995 million to deliver the program.
  - COSBOA conceived the idea in 2022 and piloted the project with partners, 89 Degrees East, Telstra and Commonwealth Bank in 2023.
- ▶ TSY anticipates the Cyber Wardens Program will be open to all small businesses in late 2023/early 2024.

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**Subject:** Estimates - Cyber Wardens [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cyber Wardens came up in the Home Affairs hearing this afternoon – Senator Patterson asked a series of questions about what Home Affairs new of the program noting that during consultation on the cyber strategy, the COSBOA submission mentioned the program concept its relationship with 89 Degrees East. Home Affairs deferred to Treasury. Hopefully we get a copy of the transcript, but I think our estimates brief largely covers the matter.

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Anthony

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**Subject:** Cyber wardens additional history [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi Anthony

Some point about Cyber wardens below (thanks s 22

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Subject: Estimates transcripts and QoN responses on Cyber Wardens and related matters [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Discussion in Committee Hearings on Cyber Wardens, for Treasury and Home Affairs, and also Health and DISR specifically on 89 Degrees East

### Treasury

[Economics Legislation Committee 2023\\_05\\_30.pdf;fileType=application/pdf \(aph.gov.au\)](#)

Bottom of p.112 to top of p.115

p.133 to top of p.134

### Home Affairs

References to come

### DISR

p.45 (the response to this QoN hasn't been published as at 20/10/2023)

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Health, on 89 Degrees East (search only on 89 Degrees to bring up all mentions)

[Community Affairs Legislation Committee 2023\\_06\\_01.pdf;fileType=application/pdf \(aph.gov.au\)](#)



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p.25-p.28  
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**Home Affairs responses to QoNs**

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## CYBER WARDENS - CHRONOLOGY

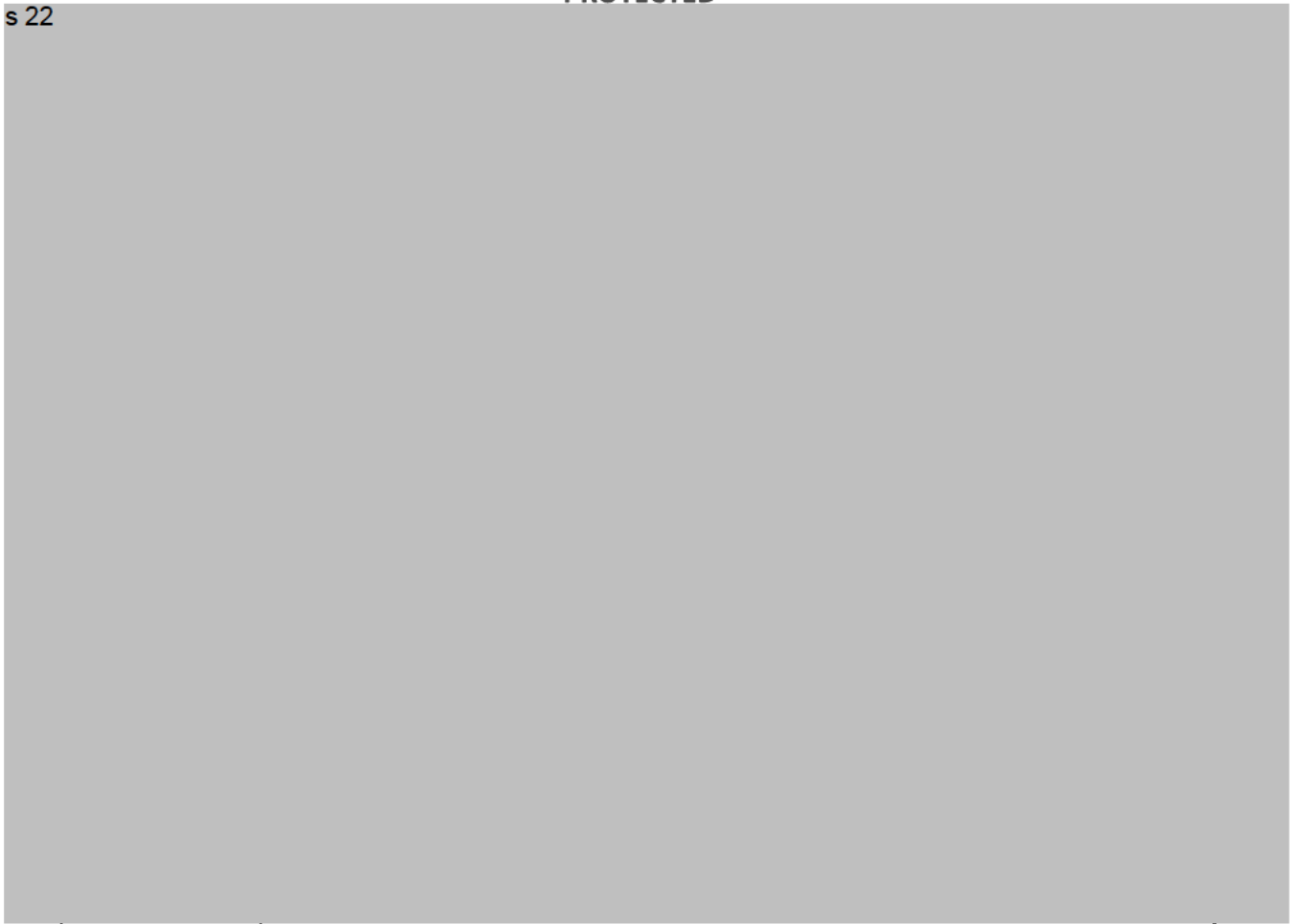
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Jan 2022	SFBD received COSBOA's Cyber Warden's Proposal (Version 1), which included mention of 89 Degrees East as a delivery partner.  SFBD received it from Home Affairs' Cyber Security Strategy Team (on 20 January) and also by email from COSBOA's then CEO to SFBD's then FAS (on 28 January).
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Quotation marks indicate that Home Affairs characterised them as two separate submissions – a COSBOA one and another one branded Cyber Wardens which HA identifies as being from 89 Degrees East.

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- Can we also include a point about the mention of cyber wardens in two budget submissions (the October budget and the May Budget).
- Why the quotation marks below?

Cheers

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Regards,

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