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To the Standing Committee on Social Issues,

Thank you for the opportunity to amend if necessary, and to add further response to complete my answer to a question asked.

During my answer to a question addressed to me by the chair, Ms Sarah Kaine, my response was interrupted by Ms Kaine before completion of my answer. The completion of my answer on behalf of Catholic Women's League was about to refer to the first page and first cited reference in our submission, and is here given below. I therefore appreciate the opportunity to complete my answer to the Inquiry's question:

“Childhood exposure to pornography is and will continue to increase with an increasing presence of pornography in the home. As Melbourne researchers found (referenced in our submission):

‘Pornography consumption has proliferated around the world with the rise of the internet access and increasing social acceptance.

Today in Australia, 99 per cent of men aged under 30 report accessing pornography in the last year. Many are habitual consumers, with 39 per cent reporting that they watch pornography daily. A further 46 per cent report accessing pornography weekly. That means 85% of men accessing porn are accessing it at least once per week’

Proliferation of pornography is aided by the acceptance of a level of pornography as harmless”,

Yours faithfully

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