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Keeping kids safe at the movies and online

The State Government has today announced funding to assist parents to ensure their children access age-appropriate content at the movies and on the Internet.

Attorney General John Rau said the funding of \$345,000 will assist the development of an online database of video games that contain gambling content, as well as expanding a database of movie recommendations for parents which has been operating since 2002.

“We have done much work to assist parents in monitoring their children’s entertainment, from movies reviews and recommendations to new video game ratings, however mobile apps and online games have opened up a whole new realm,” Mr Rau said.

“The Premier has affirmed his position on this matter announcing last year a policy relating to children and gambling on the Internet.

“To support this, the State Government has committed funding a new watch list that will inform parents about mobile apps and online games that contain gambling content.”

Funding for the *Know Before You Go* movie review program, which assist parents in determining whether G, PG and some M movies are suitable for their children, has also been renewed.

“These watch list programs assist parents in determining whether content of specific children’s entertainment, be it movies, online games or mobile apps, are suitable for their child,” Mr Rau said.

“This is likely to lower the risk of entertainment that contains inappropriate content being available to minors that are not yet of a suitable age.”

The *Know Before You Go* movie review program was established in 2002 by the Australian Council on Children and the Media (ACCM) and has been funded by the Attorney-General’s Department since 2006.

To read reviews from the *Know Before You Go* movie review program visit: <http://childrenandmedia.org.au/movie-reviews/>

The new gambling watch list for parents will be established by the ACCM in early 2014.