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Figures on Identity Fraud - Clarification

The Australian Privacy Foundation (APF) provided a briefing to reporter Sarah Whyte on Thursday 27 May 2010. An article was subsequently published in the Sydney Morning Herald on 30 May 2010, entitled *Warnings in a new age of oversharing*, at <http://www.smh.com.au/technology/technology-news/warnings-in-a-new-age-of-oversharing-20100529-wmg6.html>.

The article attributed to APF certain estimates as to the costs associated with identity fraud and as to the number of Australians falling victim to identity thefts.

The APF is very concerned about identity fraud in all its forms, and about the excessive demands for identity-related data and authenticators that enable it. However, the APF did not provide those figures, and did not discuss those figures with the reporter.