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Q1:

Not an entirely new one, but one where there are all ratings for everything. I would like to see from U(Unclassified/Documentary) all the way to R18+ (Adults Only) for Videogames, Movies and TV Shows.

Q2:

To give parents/carers advice on what is suitable for their children. To prevent child pornography.

Q3:

Yes. If accessed on the internet, parent's should be preventing and teaching their children how to avoid inappropriate material. Books, without pictures, have blurbs and should maybe, like music come with a little sticker that says, "Contains adult themes/language." People under 18 cannot have a credit card, and thus should not be able to purchase games for mobile phones, iPad etc. All content has a different impact and accessibility and thus some industry self classification would be good, lightening the load of the Classifications Department.

Q4:

Yes, but not with all complaints. There are some people who will purposely read/watch/partake in something they know will offend them because they believe it is wrong, complain and have it removed from the general public who are not offended by it in the least. Indeed, look at the recent complaint scandal with the Adshel Rip&Roll poster fiasco to see the jeopardy of such a system of "act only when complaints are received"

Q5:

Define impact? Obviously some content can be more offensive to some than others, but in that case, maybe it should be left to a grown adult to decide what they wish. Content designed for children? I believe that no single content medium is only just for children. Content that is aimed/made for children should perhaps be classified similarly to the ERSB. Give parents/guardians an idea, with symbols, to let them know what is involved in the movie/game/tv show/media, since they would be the once purchasing or allowing access.

Q6:

No, otherwise all content affecting law would have to be classified since it affects every inhabitant of the nation.

Q7:

Like the blurb on a book, artwork should have a description before viewing so that those who believe that they may be offended by it can choose not to participate. The venue showing the content should decide on restricted access, since music venues already do that and it works well.

Q8:

No. Audio Books should receive the same classification as it's related book. Music should be how it is now, with an adult content warning sticker.

Q9:

If the targeted audience is children there should be a way to give advice to parents/guardians about the nature of the content.

Q10:

Accessed? As in purchased? Depends on the content. Most media purchased in public is currently classified. The videogames online remain classified. "App store" and other similar minigame-vendors, and internet content should be assessed by the adult in control of the monetary funds, or is parent/guardian to an audience before 18 years old.

Q11:

None that I am aware of.

Q12:

Parental supervision. If you are over 18 you may view whatever you wish online so long as it isn't illegal.

Q13:

Parental supervision. Parents need to regain control and be informed on how to deal with online content, maybe see what the site is about before the child can view it, or having a password protected firewall which prevents the children from accessing but only the site it is allowed to, that is, those vetted by the parents.

Q14:

By those over 18 being responsible and never giving those magazines to people under 18. If the person under 18 accesses it via devious means, it was obviously not kept out of reach properly.

Q15:

Before and during purchase, and when loaned legally. It should also be a sticker so that the owner can remove the outward rating if they wish. Before the content is shown it should also display the rating. Advertisements should, in general, be continued to be classified by the times of day they can be shown.

Q16:

Government agencies: to ensure parents have the appropriate information when purchasing media for the under 18's and to prevent illegal/heinous content from being accessed. Industry needs to transparently assist in the government bodies' responsibilities. Users need to self educate and decide for themselves what is appropriate/will not offend them. No one makes the adult do, see or participate in anything it doesn't want to.

Q17:

At the moment, with the sheer volume of media, yes. However, there needs to be a clear, transparent way of this occurring. Perhaps government accredited classifiers need to be employed.

Q18:

It would depend on a item per item basis. Obviously, pornography should be instantly classified at R18+ or above.

Q19:

Nope, there should be a board within government that can classify in the case that the industry body will not/cannot classify.

Q20:

Yes, apart from confusion between M and MA15+. Perhaps MA15+ should be rated something like OT15+ (Older Teen, 15 years and older) as to explain the difference to parents/guardians.

Q21:

No. I believe that a 0+ (all) category all the way to an 18+ and maybe even one about that, should be included for all media that may be classified under the schemes. If changes should be implemented maybe a move towards a more informative ratings system like PEGI should be included.

Q22:

Classification makrings - give out the sample symbols and ensure they are applied. Criteria, discern an acceptable level of everything for a ceratin age, apply to all media. Guidelines = again, simply apply to all media.

Q23:

Yes, or adopt PEGI for games and remove them from the Act. The other classifications seem to work fine.

Q24:

Child pornography.

Q25:

Somewhat, The levels of sex, violence and language are sometimes low and sometimes warrant a RC rating. This is wrong unless it is shown to encourage that behaviour, explicitly eg attended by a paragraph telling people to perform exactly that which they are watching.

Q26:

Yes. Merely make it federal.

Q27:

PEGI for videogames, retain the film and literature ratings. Entirely Commonwealth responsibility.

Q28:

Yes,

Q29:

Other comments:

I really suggest looking at PEGI for games.