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barriers of the 21st century economy."

According to a survey commissioned by the Australian government and cited in the white paper, internet filtering can degrade network performance by as much as 87 per cent. That degradation could potentially shoot the government's NBN in the foot - particularly given the primary arguments for the NBN were to give Australian businesses the boost they needed to perform on the world stage.

"When a government blocks or technically interferes with a website, it has either barred or undercut that business' access to the market," the white paper says.

"The government action is the equivalent of shuttering the windows of a brick-and-mortar store."

Documents obtained from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy show internet filtering legislation is unlikely to be introduced before 2013, which may make it an issue at the next election.

The department declined to comment on the white paper, but confirmed the internet filtering plan was still a goal for the Gillard Government.

"Google itself blocks a wider range of material on its YouTube website than is proposed by the Government," a spokeswoman for the department said



MOVING AHEAD: South Australian Young Entrepreneur Scheme Business Planning 2010 Award winner Rachel Kidwell, of Kidwell Coordination, with her SAYES mentor, Andrew Russo.

Adelaide move proves an entrepreneurial hit

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THREE years after migrating to Adelaide from London, Becky Hirst has been named the South Australian Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

In the past year, Ms Hirst participated in the SA Young Entrepreneur Scheme, through Business SA.

The scheme provides 18 to 35-year-olds with training and guidance to start or improve a business.

The 2010 SAYES graduation and awards event, held this month, recognised the achievements of program participants. As founder and principal of Becky Hirst Consulting, Ms Hirst provides specialist advice, support and training to Government departments, non-Government organisations and businesses.

She said the SAYES program and working with her mentor, Kennedy & Co. consultant Andrew Russo, had been critical to her success: "My mentor helped me think strategically about my business and the workshops equipped me with new skills and knowledge."

The Advertiser Business Planning Award was won by



HEAD FOR BUSINESS: Department of Trade and Economic Development chief executive Lachlan Bruce with South Australian Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2010, Becky Hirst.

Kidwell Coordination's Rachel Kidwell, recognised as having the most comprehensive and successful business plan for her firm, which provides shopping centre tenancy and fit-out coordination.

Banh Mi Vietnamese Rolls

owner Andy Vinh won the NAB Starting from Scratch Award.

For details about the SAYES scheme, visit <http://business-sa.com/sa-young-entrepreneur-scheme> or phone 8300 0270.

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