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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question: BET 749

Topic: Social Media (IGT)

Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)

Senator Bushby asked:

749. Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online?

If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

749. As at 31 May 2012, no. However, the agency's IT service provider, the Department of Treasury, has advised that it is investigating greater use of social media to engage with stakeholders. This includes developing social media access and protocol use in keeping with Australian Public Service Commission releases.