

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Budget Estimates

4 – 6 June 2013

**Question: BET 604-606**

**Topic: Social Media**

**Written: 17 June 2013**

**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

604. Have there been any changes to department/agency social media protocols relating to staff access and usage of YouTube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since the February 2013 Additional Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.
605. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?
- a. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee hours when usage peaks).
  - b. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?
  - c. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?
606. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours)

**Answer:**

604. No.

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- a. N/A.
- b. No.
- c. There has not been any change because the ABS does not monitor usage of social media. There are no current plans to monitor usage in the future.

606. The ABS does not have the infrastructure to measure a social media impact on employee productivity.