

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: AET 644**

**Topic: Social Media (PC)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

644. 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?
- a. If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.
  - b. If no, please explain why not.

**Answer:**

644. No. The Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1 has been issued to all staff with a covering note encouraging them to read and follow the guidelines, and providing advice on the implications in the context of the Productivity Commission's independent role.