

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: AET 638**

**Topic: Social Media (ASIC)**

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**Senator BUSHBY asked:**

638. 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:**

ASIC has not made any changes to the Agency social media policy or protocols. ASIC continues to maintain its policy of restricting the use of online social media (Youtube, Facebook, Myspace, Twitter), and other selected online discussion forums and blogs that are not considered related to ASIC's business. A small number of ASIC's business units are using social media (in particular Twitter and Facebook accounts) as a channel of communication to external stakeholders or as a tool in investigations. Other ASIC employees continue to have no access to social media sites inside and outside of business hours.