

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

**Cross Portfolio**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0065\_13

**Senator Back provided in writing.**

*Refers to previous DEEWR Question No EW0527\_12.*

**Question**

**Social Media**

Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage 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**

No, there have not been any changes in protocol or policy, including the requirement for DEEWR employees to adhere to the APSC's guidance on making public comment and participating online. Please refer to DEEWR Question No [EW0527\\_12](#) which was provided in response to a question received from the October 2011 Additional Estimates hearings.