

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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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 May 2011? Please explain.

Answer

No. DEEWR has had a consistent policy to provide staff with access to social media in acknowledgement of its increasing role in daily work activities, including stakeholder engagement. The department's policy requires that all staff adhere to the APS Code of Conduct in their use of social media.