

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2012**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Social Media**

Question: **54**

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

**Answer**

No, there have been no changes. DPS released a policy on the use of social media by DPS employees in October 2010. DPS is currently reviewing this policy in response to Circular 2012/1: *Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online*.