

# **Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012**

## **Answers to Questions on Notice**

### **Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Social Media**

Question: **58**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012**

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**

The DPS policy on the use of social media was reviewed following issue of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1. The review determined that no changes to the existing policy were required.