

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator Ryan

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Question:

1. 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?
2. If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

1. No
2. The Office considered the circular and determined that no changes to office protocols regarding staff access to, or usage of, social media were required.