

Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Outcome General, Program General

Topic: Social Media

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Senator Bernardi asked:

- a) How many employees of the Department engage in social media?
- b) How many employees of the Department have twitter profiles?
- c) How many employees of the Department have facebook profiles?
- d) How many employees of the Department have internet blogs?
- e) How many employees of the Department engage in social media whilst at work? Is this for personal or work related reasons? Please provide details.
- f) How many employees of the Department access twitter whilst at work? Is this for personal or work related reasons? Please provide details.
- g) How many employees of the Department access facebook whilst at work? Is this for personal or work related reasons? Please provide details.
- h) How many employees of the Department access internet blogs whilst at work? Is this for personal or work related reasons? Please provide details.
- i) How many employees of the Department publish on twitter whilst at work? Are they publishing work related material or personal details? Please provide details.
- j) How many employees of the Department publish on facebook whilst at work? Are they publishing work related material or personal details? Please provide details.
- k) How many employees of the Department publish on internet blogs whilst at work? Are they publishing work related material or personal details? Please provide details.
- l) Is it appropriate that Finance employees access social media websites during core business hours for personal use? Is this a good use of their time whilst they are at work?

Answer:

- a) to k) This information is not collected by Finance.
- l) Finance staff are able to use internet resources at work for business purposes. Personal use must be incidental to formal duties.