

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome/Program: General

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Answer:

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The AEC has not introduced any changes to agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage since May 2011.

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Answer:

Yes, ComSuper tightened access for staff to many internet websites on 1 June 2011. The restrictions are based on standard internet categorisation.

The restricted sites include: the “Virtual Community” category which includes “Social Networking” to which Facebook and MySpace belong; and the “Streaming Media” category to which Youtube belongs.

ComSuper does not currently block the forum or blog categories specifically. However, their usage is restricted by a bar on secure sites, i.e. those sites that use Secure Socket Layer technology. This bar has been in effect prior to May 2011.

A full list of the internet categories which are restricted by ComSuper is at [Attachment A](#).

Internet categories restricted at ComSuper

The list of internet categories that have been restricted at ComSuper since 1 June 2011:

Class	Category	Description
Bandwidth	File Sharing	Sites which make files available for other users to download over the Internet or smaller private networks.
Bandwidth	Internet	Sites which enable users to make telephone calls via the Internet or obtain information or software for this purpose.
Bandwidth	Telephony	
Bandwidth	Streaming Media	Sites which host streaming media like television, movies, video, radio, or other media.
Entertainment	Gaming	Sites which allow users to place bets or participate in a betting pool (including lotteries) online; obtain information, assistance or recommendations for placing bets; receive instructions, assistance or training on participating in games of chance.
Gambling	Cash Gambling	Sites which involve the wagering and exchange of money in addition to placing bets or participating in betting pools (including lotteries) online; obtaining information, assistance or recommendations for placing a bet; receiving instructions, assistance or training on participating in games of chance.
Gambling	Gambling	Sites which allow users to place bets or participate in a betting pool (including lotteries) online; obtain information, assistance or recommendations for placing bets; receive instructions, assistance or training on participating in games of chance.
Internet	Hosting	Sites which provide individuals or organisations with online systems for storing information, images, video, or any content accessible via the Web.
Leisure	Bikini	Sites which offer the sale of bikinis, micro-kinis, mono-kinis, and thongs which are marketed as beachwear rather than swimwear. Also sites which feature galleries and/or videos of models in bikinis.
Miscellaneous	Advertising	Sites which provide Internet advertising services.
Politics & Views	Hate	Sites which advocate hostility or aggression toward an individual or group on the basis of race, religion, gender, nationality, ethnic origin, or other involuntary characteristics; sites which denigrate others on the basis of those characteristics or justifies inequality on the basis of those characteristics; and sites which purport to use scientific or other commonly accredited methods to justify said aggression, hostility or denigration.
Security Risk	Malware	Malware is defined as hostile or annoying software designed with the intent of infiltrating and harming a computer system without the owner's informed consent. Types of Malware include Viruses, Spyware, Trojan horses, and Adware and they are often disguised as legitimate software.
Security Risk	Phishing	Sites known to be scams or false sites that often closely resemble legitimate websites. They are usually designed to fraudulently acquire sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and/or credit card details from unsuspecting victims.
Sexual	Art Nudes	Sites which contain the non-pornographic, tasteful, and artful display of the naked body. The main purpose of these sites is not sexual arousal.
Sexual	Mature Content	Sites which contain sexually explicit information that is not of a medical or scientific nature.
Sexual	Pornography	Sites which contain sexually explicit material for the purpose of arousing a sexual or prurient interest.
Social Network	Chat	Sites which offer users the ability to chat online.

Social Network	Personal Ads & Dating	Sites which promote or provide opportunity for establishing or continuing romantic or sexual relationships.
Social Network	Virtual Community	Sites which offer a variety of tools and mechanisms to enable a group of people to communicate and interact via the Internet such as social networking.
Violence & Self Harm	Gore	Sites which display graphic violence and/or the infliction of pain or injuries.
Violence & Self Harm	Self Harm	Sites which describe or discuss ways in which to self harm including eating disorders and self injury.
Violence & Self Harm	Suicide	Sites which describe or promote suicide.
Violence & Self Harm	Violence	Sites which advocate or provide instructions for causing physical harm to people or property through use of weapons, explosives, pranks, or other types of violence.
Webmail	Enterprise Webmail	Sites which provide online e-mail services.
Webmail	Webmail	Sites which provide free, web-based email services, accessible through any Internet browser.
	CAIC Content	Sites hosting illegal child abuse images and content.

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