

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO**

**Additional Estimates 13 & 15 February 2013**

**Question:** E13-087

**OUTCOME 0:** Written Question on Notice

**Topic:** Social Media

**Type of Question:** Written Question on Notice

**Senator:** Senator Boyce

**Question:**

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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.

**Answer:**

No changes have been made to the Department of Health and Ageing or agency social media protocols since the May 2012 Budget Estimates. These protocols are consistent with the Australian Public Service Commission's (APSC) Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online. Social media guidelines are in place across the Department and Agencies to guide staff in the appropriate use of social media in the workplace.