

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 437

Topic: Social media

Hansard Page: Written

Senator McKenzie asked:

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:

There has been no change to Departmental social media or protocols about staff access to, and use of, social media 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 on 13 January 2012.

FaHCSIA's existing protocols and guidelines align with the advice provided in Circular 2012/1.

Portfolio bodies

Aboriginal Hostels Limited

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Anindilyakwa Land Council

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Australian Institute of Family Studies

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1 as guidelines and policy are already consistent with Circular 2012/1.

Central Land Council

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1. Staff are not employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*.

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

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Indigenous Business Australia

Indigenous Business Australia amended its Chief Executive Instruction to require staff to seek appropriate approval prior to making comments via social media in an official capacity (copy attached).

Indigenous Land Corporation

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Northern Land Council

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Outback Stores Pty Ltd

A social media policy has been distributed to all Outback Stores staff including guiding principles on the appropriate use of social media. Staff are not employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*.

Social Security Appeals Tribunal

Policy under review as a result of APSC Circular 2012/1.

Tiwi Land Council

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Torres Strait Regional Authority

No change since APSC Circular 2012/1.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

Draft policies/protocols are currently being developed in line with APS Commission Circular 2012/1. Staff are not employed under the *Public Service Act 1999*.