

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 337

**Topic:** Social Media

**Hansard Page:** Written

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

**Answer:**

There has been no change to Departmental protocols about staff access to, and usage of, Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012.

Portfolio Bodies

**Aboriginal Hostels Limited**

No.

**Anindilyakwa Land Council**

No.

**Australian Institute of Family Studies**

No

**Central Land Council**

No.

**Indigenous Business Australia**

No.

**Indigenous Land Corporation**

No.

**Northern Land Council**

No change in the Northern Land Council code of conduct or Information Technology Terms of Use, which govern social media use, has occurred since May 2012.

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**Outback Stores Pty Ltd**

No. The agency does not currently permit the use of any Social Media access across the business.

**Social Security Appeals Tribunal**

No.

**Tiwi Land Council**

No change since May 2012 Budget Estimates.

**Torres Strait Regional Authority**

Yes. In February 2013, the TSRA's Senior Management agreed to the use of YouTube for training purposes. Additionally TSRA are trialling the use of YouTube for distribution of multimedia content approved for public distribution.

**Workplace Gender Equality Agency**

Yes. In October 2012, the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency prepared a draft social media policy (which included guidelines for the staff on their use of social media) in the name of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency and made staff aware of its contents. Following the passing of the *Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012*, the policy was formally issued in the name of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency. **See attached** copy *Workplace Gender Equality Agency Social Media Policy*.

**Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council**

The Agency, at present does not monitor usage but will do so soon upon the development and approval of policies and procedures which will come into effect shortly in the new Financial year - 2013 – 14.