

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH AND AGEING PORTFOLIO

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Question: E11-051

OUTCOME 0: Whole of Portfolio

Topic: SOCIAL MEDIA

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 May 2011? Please explain.

Answer:

There have been no changes to external social media or protocols for Department of Health and Ageing staff.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) introduced a Social Media Policy for staff in September 2011. Access to social media is only granted for corporate purposes, consistent with the AIHW Act, as well as Australian Public Service and AIHW policies on appropriate use.

Professional Services Review recently implemented a web filter to support its existing internet policy. The web filter removes access to all social media.