

**Senate Standing Committee on Economics**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Question: BET 743**

**Topic: Social Media**

**Hansard Page: Written (Received from Committee 13 June 2012)**

**Senator Bushby asked:**

743. 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:**

743. No. However following recommendations to use social media to engage Treasury stakeholders in the December 2011 *Strategic Review of the Treasury* we are investigating its greater use. This includes developing social media access and use protocols that will be in line with those released by the Australian Public Service Commission.