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Question No: SBT 51

Topic: Social media

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Senator Bushby 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:

No. The ATO continues to maintain the following policies to restrict staff use of social media:

- Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) Circular 2009/6: *Protocols for online media participation*
- APS Values and Codes of Conduct
- ATO Proper use of IT facilities Corporate Management Practice Statement (internal guidelines for ATO staff)
- ATO Social media guidelines
- ATO Digital media corporate management practice statement and corporate management procedure and instructions - under development and will replace existing Social media guidelines, and
- ATO Online forum and blog guidelines covering official and unofficial use- under development.