

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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**Senator:** Ryan

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**Question:**

Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage 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 issued. If no, please explain why not.

**Answer:**

There have been no changes to ANAO staff access to appropriate social media sites. ANAO staff have access to these social media sites with some restrictions.

The ANAO is currently drafting a social networking policy which will contain guidance for ANAO staff. This policy will complement guidance contained in the *Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online*.