

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:**  
**Answers to written Questions on Notice Additional Estimates 2012-13**  
**Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office

**Topic:** Social media

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan

**Question reference number:** 72

**Type of question:** Written

**Question**

- a) 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 issued.
- b) Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?
  - If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks).
  - Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?
  - If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?
- c) Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).

**Answer**

- a) No.
- b) Staff of the Parliamentary Budget Office are subject to the parliamentary computing network user requirements.
- c) The PBO has not identified an impact on employee productivity.