Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Social Media

Senator: Senator Wong

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Question:

(1) Since 18 November 2013 has any guidance been provided to employees on the use of social media including, but not necessarily limited to, commentary on the Australian Government? Please provide a copy of any written guidance.

Answer:

(1) From 18 November 2013 to 28 February 2014, the Office has not provided any guidance to its employees on the use of social media and/or commentary on the Australian Government.