

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2011

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Social Media**

Question: **11**

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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 October 2010? Please explain.

Answer

1 DPS approved Governance Paper No. 34—*Policy—Use of Social Media* on 26 October 2010. The paper provides advice to DPS staff on:

- (a) the process to establish social media sites for DPS business/official DPS purposes;
- (b) approval process for use of online social media for official use; and
- (c) use of social media for non-official purposes / for employees outside of their employment.

2 That Governance Paper is still current (ie there have been no changes to protocols since October 2010).