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Question:

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 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 issue. If no, please explain why not.

Answer:

There have been no changes as OIGIS does not have formal written protocols in place. The APSC circular was forwarded to all staff for information when it was released. As all OIGIS staff hold a Top Secret Positive Vetting clearance, they also receive ongoing guidance on security awareness in relation to their use of social media.