

**Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee:  
Answers to written Questions on Notice Budget Estimates 2013-14  
Parliamentary Departments Portfolio**

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**Department:** Parliamentary Budget Office  
**Topic:** Social Media

**Senator:** Senator Scott Ryan  
**Question reference number:** 67  
**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 issue.**
  
- b) **Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?**
  - **If yes, provide details of the usage (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.