

**QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 15 October 2012**

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

**(SE12/0125) PROGRAM – Internal Product**

Senator Humphries (written) asked:

Portfolio wide - Social Media: 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:*

Currently only departmental staff with a genuine work need have access to social media platforms. Access to these sites requires an approved business case, authorised at Assistant Secretary level.

Staff with access to social media sites are governed by guidelines within the department's code of conduct to ensure that employee productivity is not affected.