

MINISTERIAL OFFICES — STAFF — SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

1615. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Leader of the House representing the Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:
- (1) What policy, procedure, or workplace agreement applies to staff employed in all ministerial offices regarding their use of social media especially during business hours?
  - (2) If there is a policy, procedure, or workplace agreement governing social media use by ministerial staff, then what are its details and how are these arrangements monitored or enforced in practice?
  - (3) Are there any exemptions to these arrangements, for example, are exemptions for those staff designated as communications directors, digital and social media advisers, senior media advisers, media advisers and what is the nature of this/these exemption(s)?
  - (4) Does the policy, procedure, or workplace agreement prohibit some or all ministerial staff communicating political messages or engaging in political commentary especially during business hours?
  - (5) Has there been any breaches of this social media policy and, if so, what were the details and the consequences for the staff concerned?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (1)–(4) The Department of the Premier and Cabinet’s Information Communications and Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Code of Conduct guides all Department employees, including those working within a Ministerial Office on the use of social media sites during business hours.
- (5) As at 12 September 2018 the Department of the Premier and Cabinet is not aware of any breaches of the Code of Conduct or Information Communications and Technology Acceptable Use Policy with relation to the use of social media.