

Senate Committee on Red Tape

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Inquiry into policy and process to reduce red tape, 2 November 2018

Department of Jobs and Small Business

Senator Griff asked on 2 November 2018 on proof Hansard page 13

Question

Online submissions by members of the public

Senator GRIFF: Mr Cully, I've been having a look at your website. There's a link that allows the public to suggest areas where red tape could be reduced. It's almost impossible to find. I have found it, and I suggest it would be a good thing to make it a little more visible. How many suggestions have you received through this link?

Mr Cully: I would have to take that on notice but I think that it would be minimal, perhaps reflecting the difficulty in finding it on the website.

Answer

- The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) set up an online form allowing members of the public to suggest ways in which the Government could reduce red tape. Between 18 March 2015 and 28 March 2017 there were 125 submissions.
- In December 2017, Machinery of Government changes transferred responsibility for the Deregulation Agenda to the Department of Jobs and Small Business.
- The Department of Jobs and Small Business has created a similar online form on its own website, which members of the public can use to submit suggestions for reducing red tape. Seven enquiries have been submitted via the online form since March 2018.