

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Senator Moore asked:**

How has the change of Federal Government impacted on the Department's red tape reduction initiatives?

**Answer:**

The Department is implementing the Government's policy to 'boost productivity and reduce regulation' by:

- establishing a Deregulation Unit
- embedding the Government's revised system for assessing regulatory impacts;
- adhering to the stricter costing and reporting requirements of regulatory burdens and offsetting costs of new regulation; and
- driving cultural change across the Department to engage more effectively with risk-based regulation and apply appropriate interventions proportional to the degree of risk or vulnerability.

The Department has implemented a number of measures to reduce the burden of regulation and red tape for:

- Disability Employment Services;
- National Rental Affordability Scheme investors;
- Aged Care providers and consumers;
- The Gambling Industry; and
- Organisations funded through our grant programmes.