

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 280

Topic: Commission of Audit

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Senator Moore asked:

The government's regulatory reform policy requires this department to establish a unit dedicated to undertake work on the Commission of Audit led by an officer of at least SES1 level.

- Has the unit been established, how many staff have been assigned to this new unit and from where have the staff be redeployed?
- Is this a full time job for these officers?
- Is the officer who is heading this new unit available for appearance before the committee?

Answer:

The Department has established its Deregulation Unit under an SES Band 1, who reports directly to a Deputy Secretary. In addition to the Band 1, as at 6 December 2013, the unit has 3.5 FTE who are fully dedicated to progressing the deregulation agenda. These staff applied for internal transfer to the unit from other areas of the Department. Resourcing for the unit may vary from time to time depending on workloads.

The SES Band 1 officer who is heading the unit is available to appear before the committee.