

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Special Broadcasting Service**

**Question No: 499**

**Program No. Special Broadcasting Service**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Red tape reduction**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
  1. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
3. How have they been recruited?
4. What process was used for their appointment?
5. What is the total cost of this unit?
6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. \_
7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.
9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

**Answer**

1. No specific resources were allocated.

1. Members of our Government Relations team have prepared submissions on this topic to the Department of Communications as a small part of their normal regular tasking.

2-9 It is difficult to separate time costs for red tape reduction work against other usual business and is an unnecessary diversion of resources.