

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: ACCC

Question: AET 1000-1008

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1000. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?

- a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
- 1001. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- 1002. How have they been recruited?
- 1003. What process was used for their appointment?
- 1004. What is the total cost of this unit?
- 1005. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
- 1006. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- 1007. 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.
- 1008. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

1000. There has been no substantive changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes.

- a) Because the ACCC administers legislation that sits within various portfolios, we continue to work with departments such as the Treasury and the Department of Communications to progress reforms and ensure the savings generated are recorded and aggregated by the relevant department.
1001. No change since 14 September 2015.
1002. Refer to response to AET 1001 above.
1003. Refer to response to AET 1001 above.
1004. As set out in the answer to 2014-15 SBT 818, the ACCC/AER has not created a dedicated unit or taskforce to meet the government's red tape reduction targets. Overall responsibility for the ACCC's red tape reduction activities lies with the ACCC's SES Band 3 Chief Operating Officer. One EL2 and one EL1 level staff are the project officers primarily responsible although this is not their sole responsibility. Numerous staff from across all areas of the ACCC/AER have been involved in identifying and progressing opportunities to reduce red tape and calculating the change in red tape due to regulations being removed/amended/added.

1005. Refer to response to AET 1004 above.

1006. No.

1007. Not applicable.

1008. Refer to response to AET 1004 above.