

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Supplementary Budget Estimates

2014 - 2015

**Department/Agency: Treasury**

**Question: SBT 247-256**

**Topic: Red tape reduction**

**Reference: written - 30 October 2014**

**Senator: Ludwig, Joe**

**Question:**

247. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
248. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
249. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
250. How have they been recruited?
251. What process was used for their appointment?
252. What is the total cost of this unit?
253. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
254. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
255. 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.
256. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

**Answer:**

247. Please refer to SBT 766-772 of 25 November 2013.
248. Since the 2013 election, the Coalition Government has announced more than \$2.1 billion in red and green tape savings for the business and not-for-profit sectors. This is more than double the Government's commitment to remove \$1 billion in red and green tape from the economy each year.
- 249-251. Please refer to BET 766-772 of 25 November 2013
- 252-253. Please refer to BET 1027-1035 of 12 June 2014.
- 254-255. Please refer to SBT 766-772 of 25 November 2013.
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