

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Agency - Fair Work Commission

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000680

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWC - Red tape reduction

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

1. 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?
 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. The Fair Work Commission has not made any changes to structures, officials, units, taskforce or other processes dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets from 14 September 2015 to 31 January 2016. The Reporting, Planning and Legal Team in the Corporate Services Branch of the Fair Work Commission is responsible for providing information and responses to the Department of Employment regarding the Government's red tape reduction agenda. As the regulatory burden imposed by the Commission is limited, the workload associated with meeting the Government's red tape reduction agenda has been absorbed and no additional staff have been allocated.

In September and October 2014. The Commission has provided the Department of Employment with information regarding forward work initiatives that may contribute to targets

- 2-6. Refer to the answer to question 1, above.
7. Members of the Reporting, Planning and Legal Team do not have access to Cabinet documents.
8. No members of the Reporting, Planning and Legal Team have been issued with a security classification.
9. Refer to the answer to question 1, above.