

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM0360\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWO - Red tape reduction**

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**

The Government's red tape reduction target for the Portfolio is coordinated through the Deregulation Section in the Department of Employment.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has completed Stage 1 of the Regulation Audit for Portfolio Agencies, which required the agency to catalogue its regulations and categorise its level of compliance. The agency has commenced preparation for Stage 2 of the audit which is aimed at determining the cost of regulation.

The Fair Work Ombudsman does not have a distinct red tape reduction or deregulation section.