Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Regulatory Reform Unit

Has the Department established a dedicated regulatory reform unit led by an officer of at least SES1 level? How many staff have been assigned to this new unit and from where have the staff been redeployed. Is this a full time job for these officers?

Answer

Responsibility for the coordination of deregulation in the department, in response to the Government's agenda, has been assigned to the Business Improvement Branch.

The department is considering what resources will be required in meeting the ongoing deregulation agenda. The effort to date has been drawn from existing staff and it is expected that resourcing will vary from time to time.