

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Department of Education Question No. ED0598\_15**

**Senator Carr asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 11**

**Question**

**Deregulation**

Ms Wilson: The second phase is actually the quantification. The first phase was the identification of all of the regulation and the second phase is focused on identifying the cost. So take the information from stage one and identify the cost of that. That is due by the end of this year to the Office of Deregulation, which, as Ms Paul says, is the central organisation and Prime Minister and Cabinet pulls all of this information together. Senator O'NEILL: Have you achieved any reductions since it was established, at this point in time? Ms Paul: Yes, we have. We have looked at the various reporting requirements, in particular. I would probably put it that way. Senator O'NEILL: When you say you have looked at it, does that mean you have recorded or changed? Ms Paul: We have made some changes already, yes. Which is good. Senator KIM CARR: Is it possible to get a list of the measures that the government has accepted that the department has recommended be reduced in terms of reporting requirements? A full list, across all the divisions. Ms Paul: Yes, that is fine. We can do that. It has been a really good whole-of-department and whole-of-government effort, and we can easily do that because of course the stock takes allow us to. Repeal day was part of this whole move.

**Answer**

The Department of Education has contributed to both of the Government's Repeal Days which were held in 2014. Details are available on the [cuttingredtape.gov.au](http://cuttingredtape.gov.au) website:

- Autumn Repeal Day - [http://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/repeal\\_day\\_initiatives.pdf](http://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/repeal_day_initiatives.pdf)
- Spring Repeal Day 2014 - [http://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2014\\_spring\\_repeal\\_day\\_overview.pdf](http://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2014_spring_repeal_day_overview.pdf)

The department will report on progress in reducing red tape and regulatory burden annually, with the first annual report due for publication in early 2015. Measures which relate to reduction in reporting requirements across the portfolio will be part of that broader report.