

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
9 February 2016

Department/Agency: Department of Finance

Outcome/Program: 2/2.2

Topic: Red tape reduction

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015 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. To date the Finance portfolio has contributed estimated annual red tape savings to business and community organisations of \$88 million through whole-of-government changes to procurement and grants processes.
2. – 6. Nil changes, refer to question 1 in F66 Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15.
7. Nil changes, refer to question 7 in F66 of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15.
8. Nil changes, refer to question 8 in F66 of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-15.
9. The responsibilities for regulatory reform are coordinated by the Procurement Policy and Advice Branch.