Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Were portfolios allocated red tape targets for 2016?
Ms Cvijanovic: Yes, they have been for 2016.
Senator McALLISTER: What is the nature of those targets?
Ms Cvijanovic: I am not sure.
Senator McALLISTER: How are they described? What kinds of targets are we talking about?
Ms Cvijanovic: Portfolios would be allocated a numeric target of net red tape reduction that they needed to achieve within the portfolio for 2016.
Senator McALLISTER: Is it a dollar figure? Is it a number of words?
Ms Cvijanovic: It is a dollar figure.
Senator McALLISTER: What is the aggregate value of the targets that were allocated for 2016?
Ms Cvijanovic: I would have to take the specifics of that on notice.

Answer:

The aggregate value of portfolio net regulatory cost reduction targets for 2016 was \$1.1 billion.