

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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QUESTION No. AI-100

Senator Campbell asked:

What is the main source of red tape for small business?

ANSWER

Regulations at all levels of government (including state, territory and local) are the main source of red tape for the small business sector, particularly the burden imposed by compliance processes. Businesses have also raised concerns with the OSB about the implications of business-to-business red tape. It is often not a single regulation that causes problems for small business, but the cumulative burden of numerous regulations that a business has to deal with on a day to day basis.