

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Topic: Regulatory agencies

Senator: Ryan

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Question:

- a) Over the past three years, which regulatory agencies have experienced the greatest expansion in budget allocations and staffing?
- b) What indicators does Finance use to measure effectiveness for regulatory agencies?
- c) What forms of redress are there for those subject to regulation when it comes to bad regulation practice by government regulators?
- d) Does OBPR have a view on the best ways for clients of regulatory agencies to lodge complaints about regulatory excesses?
- e) If so, do any changes need to be made to the current system?

Answer:

- a) and b) Please refer to the answer for QoNs HI5 and HI6.
- c) Commonwealth agencies are required to follow all applicable legislation, including provisions relating to consultation and complaints handling.
- d) No
- e) N/A