

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014

Finance Portfolio

Question reference number: F120

Senator: Ludwig

Topic: Red tape reduction

Question:

1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
 - a) 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. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
7. 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.

Answer:

Department / Agency	Response
Finance	Responsibility for Finance's deregulation unit has been absorbed within the existing Procurement Policy Branch. The Branch provides a coordination role for a range of initiatives underway in the Department that will contribute towards reducing red tape for business, other government agencies and the not-for-profit sector, predominantly through changes to the overarching whole-of-government procurement, grants and cost recovery frameworks. The unit has access to existing resources from across the Department as required to pursue the deregulation agenda. The specific resources, including staffing levels, security classification, and access to documents, will vary from time to time depending on the volume and nature of the material the unit is required to action.
AEC	1-7) Not applicable to the AEC.
ComSuper	1. - 7. ComSuper has not been involved with any processes in relation to the government's red tape reduction targets.
Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nil 2. Nil 3. N/A 4. N/A 5. N/A 6. CSC has no knowledge. 7. N/A

Future Fund Management Agency	1.-7. Nil
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