

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency: Australian National Audit Office**

**Outcome/Program:**

**Topic:** Red Tape reduction

**Senator:** Ludwig

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**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:**

Q1. Nil to all parts of question - The ANAO has not specifically dedicated officials, taskforces or processes in order to meet the government's red tape reduction target.

The ANAO indirectly contributes to the government's initiative through its performance audit program and promoting better administrative practices which aid in the reduction of red tape.