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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome/Program: Cross Portfolio

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) Lease 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:

- 1) The Australian Public Service Commission has not established a unit, structure or taskforce dedicated to meeting the red tape reduction targets. This work is being managed by the Deputy Public Service Commissioner and has been incorporated into Group work plans for 2013/14.
- 2) Not applicable
- 3) Not applicable
- 4) Not applicable
- 5) Not applicable
- 6) Not applicable
- 7) Not applicable