

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

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Red Tape Reduction

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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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?
- (2) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target?
- (3) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- (4) How have they been recruited?
- (5) What process was used for their appointment?
- (6) What is the total cost of this unit?
- (7) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- (8) 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:

- (1) The portfolio is in the process of establishing its Deregulation Unit. The Office will contribute to the requirements of the Deregulation Unit as required.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Resourcing for the Unit including staffing levels and classifications will vary from time to time depending on the volume and nature of the material the Unit is required to action.

(4) Not applicable.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Not applicable.

(7) Not applicable.

(8) Not applicable.