

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

Question No: 11

Hearing: Supplementary Budget Estimates

Outcome: Outcome 2

Programme: Sustainability Policy and Analysis Division

Topic: Regulatory Reform

Hansard Page: N/A

Question Date: 27 November 2013

Question Type: Written

Senator Urquhart asked:

Regarding the Government's regulatory reform policy announced before the election:

a) What methodology will this department use to calculate the cost of regulation within the portfolio? The policy suggests there will be a standard approach based on a model used in Victoria.

b) The policy requires this department to establish a dedicated unit led by an officer of at least SES1 level. Has the unit been established, how many staff have been assigned to this new unit and from where have the staff be redeployed? Is this a full time job for these officers?

Answer:

a) The Government is currently considering arrangements for the implementation of the deregulation agenda.

b) The Department has established the Environment Portfolio Deregulation Unit. 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.