

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 26 FEBRUARY 2015 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Human Services

Topic: Red Tape Reduction

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Question:

- a) What specific activities have been impacted by the Red Tape Reduction Process with DHS to date?
- b) What are the total cashable savings as a result of the Red Tape Reduction Process to date?
- c) What are the net cashable savings from the Red Tape Reduction process when offset against any expenses occurred in relation to the identification and implementation of resulting changes?

Answer:

- a) The Department of Human Services' deregulation initiatives are included in Appendix A to the Social Services Portfolio (Department of Human Services) Deregulation Annual Report 2014.
As at 26 February 2015 the department has delivered a total net regulatory saving of \$109.1 million.
- b) The deregulation agenda is aimed at reducing the regulatory burden for individuals, businesses and community organisations. The \$109.1 million in savings does not relate to cashable savings for the department.
The deregulation agenda requires that the regulatory impacts on businesses, community organisations and individuals by new regulations or changes to existing regulations are quantified using the Regulatory Burden Measurement framework from the Office of Best Practice Regulation.
- c) The deregulation agenda does not relate to cashable savings for the department. The Deregulation and Red Tape Reduction Branch has been funded from the department's existing resources.