

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 283

**Topic:** Commission of Audit

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**Senator Moore** asked:

The policy also requires this Department to establish a Ministerial Advisory Council - this council will meet quarterly and provide the Minister with advice on opportunities to cut red and green tape.

What is the process for establishing this new council? How will the members be selected and who will be the final decision maker - I assume the Minister? When do you expect the council to be up and running?

**Answer:**

The Minister is currently considering arrangements to support comprehensive consultation with portfolio stakeholders on opportunities to reduce red and green tape.

The Government has announced that consultations will commence by the end of February 2014.