Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Question No: 256

Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Red tape reduction

Senator Ludwig asked:

- 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.
- 8. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the Department?

Answer:

The ABC has been asked by Government to identify areas which could be considered for deregulation but has otherwise not been contacted by the Government in relation to its red tape reduction targets.