

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: AET 1045-1053

Topic: Red Tape Reduction

Reference: written - 19 February 2016

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1045. Please detail changes to 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
- 1046. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- 1047. How have they been recruited?
- 1048. What process was used for their appointment?
- 1049. What is the total cost of this unit?
- 1050. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
- 1051. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- 1052. 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.
- 1053. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

1045. Please refer to previous response (BET 2034).

- a) For the 2015 calendar year, the ATO reported \$296.1 million of red-tape reductions.
For the 2014 calendar year, the ATO reported \$317.8 million of red-tape reductions.

1046. Four dedicated officers: One at Executive Level 2.2 and three at Executive Level 1.

1047. Please refer to previous response (BET 2036).

1048. Please refer to previous response (BET 2037).

1049. The total cost of the Deregulation Team for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 January 2016 is approximately \$261,669 comprised solely of salary costs.

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1051. No.

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ATO Regulation Reform Team		
APS Level	Security Classification	Date issued
Executive Level 2.2	Baseline	20 June 2007
Executive Level 1	Baseline	14 September 2004
Executive Level 1	Highly Protected	31 October 2005
Executive Level 1	Baseline	13 July 2004

1053. The name of the team is the ATO Regulation Reform Team (previously referred to as the ATO Deregulation Team).