

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2015 - 2016

Department/Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: AET 2406-2410

Topic: Existing Resources Program

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Question:

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

2406. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?

2407. List each

2408. List the staffing assigned to each task

2409. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?

2410. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer:

2406-2407. Since 14 September 2015 the ATO has commenced 15 new projects as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded within existing resources, these are

- Ensures employees have an opportunity to separately choose their superannuation fund for new enterprise agreements or workplace determinations that are made from 1 July 2016.
- Significant Global Entities lodging General Purpose Financial Statements.
- National Innovation and Science Agenda – Changes to venture capital arrangements.
- National Innovation and Science Agenda – Depreciation for intangible assets.
- National Innovation and Science Agenda – Increasing access to company losses.
- Register of Foreign Ownership of Water entitlements.
- International Tax – Amendment to double taxation agreement with Germany.
- Taxation treatment of biodiesel – extension of phase-in for new arrangements.
- Freeze road user charge collections.
- Indirect Tax Concession Scheme – diplomatic and consular concessions.
- Syrian and Iraqi Humanitarian Crisis.
- Realising the benefits of public data and open government partnership.
- Review of existing restrictions on data sharing between agencies.
- Increasing the level of contact centre outsourcing.
- Improve management of Dispute Resolution.

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