

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/ Agency: Treasury

Question: BET 1027-1035

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1027. 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
1028. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
1029. How have they been recruited?
1030. What process was used for their appointment?
1031. What is the total cost of this unit?
1032. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
1033. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
1034. 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.
1035. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

1027. A Deregulation Division has been established within the Treasury, to facilitate and coordinate red and green tape reduction across the Treasury Portfolio. Each agency with regulatory responsibilities within the Portfolio has been asked to identify senior officers to liaise with the Division. In February the Treasury portfolio reported \$227 million of gross compliance cost reductions.
- 1028-1030. Please refer to SBT 766-772 of 25 November 2013.
1031. The Division has a budget of \$2.14 million in 2014-15.

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1032. The Division has a budget for total employee expenses of \$1.98 million in 2014-15.
- 1033-1034. Please refer to SBT 766-772 of 25 November 2014.
1035. Deregulation Division.