

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Budget Estimates 2014
3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: ABS

Question: BET 1204-1212

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

1204. 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
1205. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
1206. How have they been recruited?
1207. What process was used for their appointment?
1208. What is the total cost of this unit?
1209. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
1210. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
1211. 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.
1212. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

1204. The ABS has assigned this function to an SES B1 in addition to their other duties.
- a) The ABS has identified \$458,000 in reductions to regulatory burden to date, and is reviewing the regulatory savings arising from recently identified work program reductions.
1205. see 1204.
1206. The relevant officer was an existing ABS employee and was assigned the responsibility by the Australian Statistician.
1207. see 1206.
1208. No funding has been allocated for a unit.
1209. Not applicable.
1210. Yes
1211. The officer has a security classification of Protected, issued on 21 October 2010.
1212. No formal name has been assigned.