

Department/ Agency: Australian Taxation Office

Question: BET 2034-2042

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: Written - 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2034. 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.
2035. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
2036. How have they been recruited?
2037. What process was used for their appointment?
2038. What is the total cost of this unit?
2039. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
2040. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
2041. 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.
2042. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

2034. The Commissioner has given responsibility for leading the ATO's contribution to meeting the government's deregulation targets to a Senior Executive Service Band 2 officer as part of their responsibilities. A small team was formed in February 2014 and is dedicated to coordinating the ATO's contribution as part of the Treasury portfolio. A Senior Executive Service Band 1 officer provides day-to-day leadership of the team as part of their duties.
 - a. As at 30 June 2014 the ATO has reported \$191.2 million of red tape reduction.
2035. Four dedicated officers: two at Executive Level 2.2 and two at Executive Level 1.
2036. The officers were selected from within the ATO based on skills and experience.
2037. The officers were all ongoing ATO employees who moved from other work at their existing classification level.
2038. Total cost of the Deregulation Team for the 2013-14 year is approximately \$131,000 comprised solely of salary costs.
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2040. No.

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ATO Deregulation Team		
APS Level	Security Classification	Date issued
Executive Level 2.2	Baseline	20 June 2007
Executive Level 2.2	Highly Protected	23 November 2010
Executive Level 1	Highly Protected	14 September 2004
Executive Level 1	Highly Protected	31 October 2005

Security classifications were granted under the former classification system and will be renewed under the new classification arrangements upon expiry ten years from the date of issue.

2042. Deregulation Team