Senate Economics Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Budget Estimates 2014 3 June to 5 June 2014

Department/ Agency: Clean Energy Finance Corporation

Question: BET 2200-2208 **Topic:** Red tape reduction

Reference: Written 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 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?
- How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- 2202 How have they been recruited?
- 2203 What process was used for their appointment?
- 2204 What is the total cost of this unit?
- 2205 What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit?
- 2206 Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- 2207 Lease 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.
- What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

- All officials of the CEFC are dedicated to meeting their statutory obligations under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPAA) including the section 18 duty in relation to requirements imposed on others. All officers have been trained in their obligations in the lead up to the commencement of the operative provisions of the PGPAA. As the obligation falls generally on all officers there are no specific units/taskforces/structures/offices/taskforces dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets.
 - a) The CEFC does not monitor the Australian Government's progress towards the red tape reduction target. This question should be directed to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Not applicable - see 2200 above.