

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

Department/ Agency: Office of the Inspector-General of Taxation

Question: BET 2532-2540

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: Written – 12 June 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

2532. 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?
2533. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
2534. How have they been recruited?
2535. What process was used for their appointment?
2536. What is the total cost of this unit?
2537. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit?
2538. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
2539. 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.
2540. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

2532. The Inspector-General of Taxation (IGT) as a micro agency of only nine operating out of a single office location seeks to accommodate the Government policy position. Although the agency has limited scope to directly contribute, one officer has been allocated responsibility as part of their existing role.
- a) The IGT and the Treasury have a comprehensive service level agreement and memorandum of understanding in place for the support and delivery of operational requirements and corporate services. Treasury as IGT's portfolio head agency has advised that:
- a Deregulation Division has been established to facilitate and coordinate red and green tape reduction across the Treasury Portfolio, and
 - in February the Treasury portfolio reported \$227 million of gross compliance cost reductions.
2533. Refer to BET 2532.
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2535. Refer to BET 2532.

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- 2536. Met out of existing budget.
- 2537. Refer to BET 2532.
- 2538. Not applicable.
- 2539. Refer to BET 2532.
- 2540. Refer to BET 2532.