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Question: SBT 766-772

Topic: Red tape reduction

Written: 25 November 2013

Senator LUDWIG asked:

766. 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
767. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
768. How have they been recruited?
769. What process was used for their appointment?
770. What is the total cost of this unit?
771. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
772. 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.

Answer:

766. 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.

The Treasury portfolio is in the process of identifying reductions in regulations that will contribute to the Government's red tape reduction targets.

767. The Deregulation Division has approval for the staffing levels detailed below. Action to transfer staff from other roles within the Department is in course.

Level	Number
SES	2 (1 x SEB2, 1 x SEB1)
EL2	5
EL1	4
APS 4-6	4
TOTAL	15

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768. Recruitment for non SES roles has been by lateral transfer following calls for Expressions of Interest from staff elsewhere in the Treasury. SES roles were filled by lateral appointment by the Treasury Executive Board.

Resourcing for the unit, including staffing levels and classifications, will be reviewed in December 2014 to ensure that the initial staffing level is commensurate with the volume and nature of the material the unit is required to action.

769. See 768.

770. The Division has a budget of \$2.6 million in 2014-15.

771. Yes.

772. All staff members within the Deregulation Division have a minimum security classification of Protected.