

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Department/Agency: ATO

Question: SBT 1914-1923

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: written - 31 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig

Question:

- 1914. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
- 1915. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
- 1916. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- 1917. How have they been recruited?
- 1918. What process was used for their appointment?
- 1919. What is the total cost of this unit?
- 1920. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
- 1921. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- 1922. 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.
- 1923. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

- 1914. Please refer to previous response (BET 2034).
- 1915. As at 31 October 2014, the ATO has reported \$266.6 million of red tape reduction.
- 1916. Four dedicated officers: One at Executive Level 2.2 and three at Executive Level 1.
- 1917. Please refer to previous response (BET 2036).
- 1918. Please refer to previous response (BET 2037).
- 1919. The total cost of the Deregulation Team for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 is approximately \$154,483 comprised of salary costs of \$149,953 and supplier costs of around \$4,530.
- 1920. The total salary cost for the Deregulation Team for the period 1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014 is \$149,953.
- 1921. No.

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1922.

ATO Deregulation Team		
APS Level	Security Classification	Date issued
Executive Level 2.2	Baseline	20 June 2007
Executive Level 1	Highly Protected	14 September 2004
Executive Level 1	Highly Protected	31 October 2005
Executive Level 1	Baseline	13 July 2004

Security classifications were granted under the former classification system and are being renewed under the new classification arrangements as they expire.

1923. Please refer to previous response (BET 2042).