

Senate Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Treasury Portfolio
Supplementary Budget Estimates
2014 - 2015

Department/Agency: ABS

Question: SBT544-553

Topic: Red tape reduction

Reference: Written - 30 October 2014

Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

- 544. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
- 545. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target
- 546. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
- 547. How have they been recruited?
- 548. What process was used for their appointment?
- 549. What is the total cost of this unit?
- 550. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
- 551. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- 552. 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.
- 553. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

- 544. The ABS has assigned this function to an SES B1 in addition to their other duties.
 - a) The ABS has identified \$563,000 in reductions to regulatory burden to date, and is reviewing the regulatory savings arising from recently identified work program reductions.
- 545. see 544.
- 546. The relevant officer was an existing ABS employee and was assigned the responsibility by the Australian Statistician.
- 547. see 546.
- 548. see 546.
- 549. No funding has been allocated for a unit.
- 550. Not applicable.
- 551. Yes.
- 552. The officer has a security classification of Protected, issued on 21 October 2010.
- 553. No formal name has been assigned.