

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EM1180\_15**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

**Question**

**FWC - Red tape reduction**

1. 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
2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?
3. How have they been recruited?
4. What process was used for their appointment?
5. What is the total cost of this unit?
6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.
7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
8. 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.
9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

**Answer**

1. The Reporting, Planning and Legal Team in the Corporate Services Branch of the Fair Work Commission is responsible for providing information and responses to the Department of Employment regarding the Government's red tape reduction agenda. As the regulatory burden imposed by the Commission is limited, the workload associated with meeting the Government's red tape reduction agenda has been absorbed and no additional staff have been allocated.
- 1a. In September and October 2014 the Commission provided the Department of Employment with information regarding its forward work initiatives that may contribute to the targets.
- 2-6. Refer to the answer to question 1, above.
7. Members of the Reporting, Planning and Legal Team do not have access to Cabinet documents.
8. No members of the Reporting, Planning and Legal Team have been issued with a security classification.
9. Refer to the answer to question 1, above.