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Question:

How many regulations have been made and repealed since 18 September 2013?

Is SES remuneration linked to reductions in regulation? If not, when will Government's election policy be implemented?

Who are the members of the department's Ministerial Advisory Committee on deregulation?

What specific regulatory performance target has been set for the Secretary?

Answer:

In the period 18 September 2013 to 18 March 2015, 1,626 legislative instruments were made, and 12,260 were repealed.

Senior Executive Service (SES) remuneration is determined by individual agency heads, and SES performance agreements include a criterion regarding reductions in red tape. Only a minority of SES agreements provide for performance pay.

The members of the Indigenous Advisory Council also operate as its department's Ministerial Advisory Council on deregulation. Its members are:

- Mr Warren Mundine (Chair);
- Mr Richard Ah Mat;
- Ms Leah Armstrong;
- Dr Ngiare Brown;
- Ms Josephine Cashman;
- Mr Djambawa Marawili AM;
- Mr Bruce Martin;
- Mr David Peever;
- Mr Andrew Penfold;
- Professor Peter Shergold AC; and

- Mr Daniel Tucker.

Deregulation targets are set in relation to portfolios. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Secretary is responsible for ensuring that the portfolio's deregulation target is met.