

Question: 23
Topic: Red tape reduction
Written: 22 February 2016

Senator LUDWIG asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?
 1. 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:

As a parliamentary department, the department is not subject to the Government's red tape reduction targets. The department does, however, seek to reduce red tape where possible and is actively reviewing and, where applicable, will implement the recommendations of the Belcher Review.