

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Outcome/Program:** 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Topic:** Repeal Day savings

**Senator:** Senator the Hon Penny Wong

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**Question:**

Senator WONG: Thank you. Can you provide the committee with a detailed breakdown of the regulatory savings obtained from each of the pieces of legislation that were part of repeal day and in particular for omnibus bills, Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014, Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014 and Statute Law Revision Bill (No. 1) 2014, and detail which legislative change resulted in a savings? I also ask this question: for question No. 82 the Senate was told that the Prime Minister has determined that the ministerial advisory council on deregulation for Prime Minister and Cabinet will be the Indigenous Advisory Council.

Ms Cross: Yes.

**Answer:**

As part of the Autumn Repeal Day, several omnibus bills were brought forward with deregulatory impacts. These were reported in the summary document, 'The Australian Government Autumn Repeal Day March 2014' (the 'overview'), available on [www.cuttingredtape.gov.au](http://www.cuttingredtape.gov.au) under the "Repeal Day" tab.

The Omnibus Repeal Day (Autumn 2014) Bill 2014 included amendments to acts which resulted in a deregulatory impact worth \$12.25 million across four portfolios (Section 5, Part A of the overview). These measures are outlined in Table 1 below.

The Omnibus Bill also included the removal of redundant provisions, resulting in an additional \$0.19 million deregulatory impact (Section 5, Part B of the overview). As noted in footnote 3 to table 1 of the overview, the estimate of the Government's announced deregulation initiatives (\$719.43 million) excluded the amount of \$0.19 million in housekeeping measures contained in the Omnibus Repeal Day Bill. The other omnibus bills were estimated to have relatively small deregulatory impacts. These are:

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- Amending Acts 1901 to 1969 Repeal Bill 2014 - \$0.21 million; and
- Statute Law Revision Bill (No.1) 2014 - \$0.35 million.

The Government also bulk repealed nearly 10,000 legislative instruments which had a deregulatory impact of \$1.78 million.

**Table 1 - Deregulation measures contained in the Omnibus Repeal Day Bill, Part A – Amendments to Acts**

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>Measures</b>	<b>\$m</b>
Communications	Repealing duplicated Universal Service Obligation requirements	\$0.0156
Communications	Streamlining reporting requirements for telecommunication companies to lodge access agreements with the ACCC	\$0.5
Communications	Streamlining the Australian Communications and Media Authority's complaint processes	\$0.57
Communications	Repealing duplicative requirements for standard form agreements between telecommunication companies and consumers	\$6.58
Communications	Reducing reporting requirements under the <i>Broadcasting Services Act 1992</i>	\$0.64
Environment	Removing redundant permit and levy process for sea installations	\$0.005633
Environment	Streamlining regulation of ozone depleting substances and synthetic greenhouse gas products	\$0.42
Environment	Streamlining water assessments for mining projects	\$0.012676
Prime Minister and Cabinet	Streamlining Indigenous remote service delivery monitoring	\$0.09
Social Services	Streamlining aged care building certification requirements	\$3.42
	<b>Total</b>	\$12.25