Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Public Service Commission **Outcome/Program:** Cross Portfolio **Topic:** Red Tape Reduction

Senator: Ludwig Question reference number: 346 Type of question: Written Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

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Question:

- 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?
 - 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. Lease 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 Commission has reviewed a number of its primary processes to identify how they can be streamlined, and is in the process of incorporating changes to those processes to reduce red tape as part of the 2014-15 business plan.
- 2. Not applicable
- 3. Not applicable
- 4. Not applicable
- 5. Not applicable
- 6. Not applicable
- 7. Not applicable
- 8. Not applicable
- 9. Not applicable

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