

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome/Program:

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Topic: Red Tape Reduction

Senator: Senator Ludwig

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Type of question: Written

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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?
 - 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) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?
- (7) 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?
- (8) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?

Answer:

- (1) The Portfolio has established its Deregulation Unit: it sits within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The Office will contribute to the requirements of the Deregulation Unit as required.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5) Not applicable.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) Not applicable.