

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Question:

What are the deregulation policy functions of the department?

Has a new deregulation policy unit been created in PM&C? If so, (a) does this unit incorporate the Office of Best Practice Regulation (b) how many staff are employed in the unit (c) what are the classifications of the staff employed in the unit and (d) does the unit report directly to the Prime Minister?

Since 18 September 2013 how many regulations have been (a) made and (b) repealed?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has policy responsibility for implementation of the Government's deregulation agenda. The Office of Deregulation has been created as a Division within PM&C. The Office of Best Practice Regulation is a separate Office within PM&C. The Office of Deregulation has 26 staff, classified as follows:

<i>Classification</i>	<i>Number of Staff</i>	<i>Classification</i>	<i>Number of Staff</i>
SES Band 2	1	APS 6	2
SES Band 1	2	APS 5	4
EL 2	6	APS 4	2
EL 1	9		

The Office of Parliamentary Counsel in the Attorney-General's Portfolio manages the registration and publication of Commonwealth law and is best placed to respond to questions regarding the number of regulations made and repealed since 18 September 2013.