

## QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING : 08 February 2016

#### IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

#### (AE16/095) - Red tape reduction - Internal Product (DIBP)

Senator Ludwig, Joe (L&CA) written:

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:*

1. The name of the Department's designated unit has changed from the Deregulation section to the Regulatory Reform section.
  1. The Department met its 2015 Red Tape Reduction target and expects to meet its 2016 target.
  2. As at 7 March 2016, the Department's Regulatory Reform unit includes one Executive Level 2 officer, two Executive Level 1 officers, two APS 6 officers and one APS 5 officer; a total of six officers.
  3. The Department's Regulatory Reform unit staff were recruited through internal Expression of Interest processes, internal reassignment of existing resources or external recruitment to replace departing staff.
  4. See response to Question 3.
  5. The total cost of the Department's Regulatory Reform unit from 1 July 2015 to 29 February 2016 is \$615,758.33.
  6. The salary cost of the Department's Regulatory Reform unit from 1 July 2015 to 29 February 2016 is \$609,491.61.
  7. Yes, on a need to know basis.
  8. As at 7 March 2016, the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer in the Department's Regulatory Reform unit is as follows:

SES officer – Negative Vetting 2 granted 27/6/2012  
EL2 officer – Negative Vetting 1 granted 5/6/2012  
EL1 officer – Negative Vetting 1 granted 17/7/2006  
EL1 officer – Negative Vetting 1 granted 18/12/2008  
APS6 officer – Negative Vetting 1 granted 8/2/2013  
APS6 officer – Baseline granted 26/1/2012  
APS5 officer – Baseline granted 8/6/2007

9. The formal name given to the Department's Regulatory Reform unit is the Regulatory Reform Section.