

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Deregulation taskforce

1. What are the roles and responsibilities of the Deregulation taskforce and office of the AQFC branch in the Department of Education?
2. How many FTE positions are allocated to the Deregulation taskforce and office of the AQFC branch in the Department of Education?
3. Please break these down into actual headcounts, and provide the number of staff on non-ongoing employment arrangements.
4. What programs is the Deregulation taskforce and office of the AQFC branch in the Department of Education responsible for?

Answer

1. The Deregulation Taskforce aims to deliver the Government's deregulation agenda for the whole of Higher Education, Research and International Education.

The Office of the Australian Qualifications Framework Council is responsible for managing the Australian Qualifications Framework Council (AQF Council) and administers the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF).

2. There are currently 6.5 FTE allocated to these two teams.
3. The headcount is 6.5 with no non-ongoing staff.
4. The two teams do not deliver programmes.