

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2010-2011

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

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Question:

- a. As part of this process, how many new federal regulations have been added due to the 27 deregulation priorities, and how many have been removed?
- b. Is it the policy of the Gillard Government to have a one in, one out policy with regard to new regulations?
- c. According to the Department of Finance, how many new regulations have been introduced, and how many have been repealed?

Answer:

- a. Under the *National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy* (SNE NP), five new Commonwealth Acts and seven new Commonwealth legislative instruments have been introduced. Four legislative instruments have been removed. A number of amendments have also been made to existing Commonwealth legislation and regulations under the reform agenda. The five new Commonwealth Acts, however, represent the introduction of new national frameworks and as such, replace inconsistent legislative regimes across states and territories.
- b. A guidance note was provided to agencies in January 2009 by the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Deregulation setting out arrangements for the operation of the Government's one in, one out policy.
- c. Please refer to the ComLaw database, which is maintained by the Department of the Attorney-General.