

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2012-2013**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

**Department/Agency: Department of Finance and Deregulation**

**Outcome/Program: 1/1.1**

**Topic: Commonwealth Acts and legislative instruments**

**Senator: Sinodinos**

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**Question:**

Given the response on pages 56-57 of testimony of Tuesday, 12 February 2013, can the Department of Finance and Deregulation confirm how many Commonwealth acts and legislative instruments have been introduced from 1 December 2007 to now? How many Commonwealth acts and legislative instruments have been repealed over the same period?

**Answer:**

Data provided by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, which manages the ComLaw database, indicates that between 1 December 2007 and 30 April 2013:

- 874 Commonwealth Acts were passed and 297 repealed; and
- 18,341 Commonwealth legislative instruments were introduced and 9,294 were repealed.

All Commonwealth bodies are required to prepare Regulation Impact Statements for regulatory proposals that would have more than a minor or machinery impact on business.