

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2011-2012**

**Finance and Deregulation Portfolio**

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

**Outcome/Program:** 1/ 1.1

**Topic:** Regulatory agencies

**Senator:** Ryan

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**Questions:**

F15

- a) What new regulatory agencies have been created under the Gillard Government?
- b) Please advise regarding details of staff numbers and budget allocation.
- c) Which regulatory agencies have been disbanded during the same time?
- d) Please advise regarding details of staff numbers and budget allocation.

F16

- a) How many staff are employed by Commonwealth agencies classed as regulators and at what cost?
- b) How have these numbers and costs increased or decreased over the past five years?
- c) Which five regulators appear to be delivering the most efficient outcomes?
- d) Which five regulators appear to be delivering the least efficient outcomes?

**Answer:**

The Department of Finance and Deregulation does not classify Commonwealth agencies by whether or not they are regulatory in nature. Information about agency resourcing can be found in the relevant Portfolio Budget Statements.

There is no single indicator used to measure agency effectiveness; agencies report on their performance through their annual reports. Additionally, the Auditor-General regularly conducts performance and financial statement audits of public service entities.