



Premier & Cabinet

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NSW Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee
By email: pac@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Notley-Smith

Thank you for your letter regarding the 12 February 2018 hearing of the Public Accounts Committee examining the Auditor-General's Performance Audit Report on Red Tape Reduction.

At the hearing, I undertook to provide further information to the Committee in response to a question about the guidelines for the 'one on, two off' policy.

The requirements for the 'one on, two off' policy were set out in Premier's Memorandum M2012-02 'Red tape reduction – new requirements' (<https://arp.nsw.gov.au/m2012-02-red-tape-reduction-new-requirements>). For each new piece of principal legislation proposed, Ministers were required to 'demonstrate that at least two other pieces of principal legislation have been repealed or are proposed to be repealed'.

The Premier's Memorandum states that the costs and benefits of repealed principal legislation should be fully quantified. For the removal of legislation to count towards the Government's \$750 million red tape reduction target, any savings had to be determined in accordance with the 'Guidelines to estimating savings under the red tape reduction target' (https://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/136237/Guidelines_for_estimating_savings_under_the_red_tape_reduction_target.pdf). This guideline explained the types of initiatives that would be considered within the scope of the target and how savings should be calculated.

I trust that this information is of assistance to the Committee. If you have any further queries in relation to this response, please contact Dr Kar Mei Tang, Director Treasury and Finance at karmeitang@dpc.nsw.gov.au, or on 02 9228 3983.

Yours sincerely

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