

ARTA supports Senator Angara’s statement, calls on government agencies to implement anti-red tape reforms

August 7, 2019 – The Anti-Red Tape Authority is in full support to Senate Committee on Finance chair, Senator Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara on his statement on Tuesday, requiring all state agencies to report on their anti-red tape performance and targets on the 2020 budget deliberations.

According to Senator Angara, one of the authors of R.A. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business Law, the government agencies will be asked to report their initiatives to implement R.A. 11032 at the budget hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance. Their anti-red tape measures will now also be part of their key performance indicators in exchange of the appropriations they will get.

The Authority is positive that this move will further encourage government agencies to comply with the law, especially now that its Implementing Rules and Regulations is already effective. In line with this, we reiterate our firm commitment to assist and support all government agencies in their anti-red tape initiatives and efforts.

As part of our mandate to help government agencies re-engineer and streamline their services, the Authority actively pursues and supports initiatives pertaining to the improvement of regulatory management towards better regulatory quality. For one, it is currently undertaking efforts to develop the Regulatory Management System, which shall be comprised of a regulatory management framework, institutional arrangements, a regulatory policy cycle, and enforcement and compliance strategies.

Furthermore, the Authority has already conducted six batches of Basic Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Trainings for this year, and will be conducting its seventh and eight batch in the weeks to come. These RIA Trainings aim to capacitate government agencies with regulatory practices to improve their government procedures and to develop effective and efficient government transactions.

After this statement from Senator Angara, the Authority would like to call on all government offices and agencies to double their efforts to be in line with the President’s directive: to make government service more responsive to the clients needs. We urge all government agencies to incessantly see through their anti-red tape initiatives and not just until their 2020 budget proposal are approved.

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