

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question No: 198

Topic: AppointWomen Register

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Senator Cash asked:

How many women have been successfully appointed to a board position or other government decision making body from the AppointWomen register in each year since the website was launched? Please provide a list of the successful appointments.

Answer:

All Australian Government departments may approach AppointWomen when they have a vacancy on a board. Board vacancies can be filled in several ways and AppointWomen is one resource available to government for finding suitable candidates.

The information of hundreds of women candidates for Government Board vacancies is available for searching whenever a request is made to AppointWomen. AppointWomen matches potential candidates to the requirements for the position and makes CVs and contact information available to the requesting department.

The decision-making process for each board is up to the requesting department. They will conduct further research on potential candidates and then directly contact any candidates they wish to follow up with. Appointment data is not available to AppointWomen.