

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 27

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Topic: Vacancies

Senator Catryna, Bilyk asked:

Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.

Answer:

The table below reflects the vacancies to the Communications and Arts portfolio boards as at 10 November 2016.

Board	Vacancy
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	2 vacant Non-Executive Director positions since 30 June 2016.
Australian Communications and Media Authority	Vacant Chair position since 26 February 2016. 3 vacant Member positions since 30 June 2015, 13 October 2015 and 26 February 2016. 2 other member positions may be filled under the Australian Communications and Media Act, but it has been the policy of successive governments that the Authority is able to function effectively without all member positions being filled. Vacant cross-Associate Australian Consumer and Competition Commission Member to the ACMA since 31 July 2016. Acting ACMA Chair and Deputy Chair since 26 February 2016 to 30 June 2017 (or earlier if permanent Chair appointed prior to that date).
NBN Co Limited	2 vacant Non-Executive Directors. Under the current Constitution, the Board may have a minimum of three and a maximum of nine directors. There are currently seven members appointed.
Special Broadcasting Service	Vacant Chair since 10 February 2016. Deputy Chair is currently operating as the Acting Chair. 2 vacant Non-Executive Director positions since 30 June 2016.

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Children's eSafety Commissioner	Acting Children's eSafety Commissioner from 30 May 2016 until a new Children's eSafety Commissioner is appointed.
Classification Review	Convenor since 6 February 2015, Deputy Convenor since 7 December 2014, 1 member since 17 June 2014 and 2 members since 7 December 2014. Acting Deputy Convenor and four members appointed from 4 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.
Australian Film, Television and Radio School Council	Vacant member position since 9 March 2014.
Screen Australia	3 vacant Member positions since 30 September 2016, 28 July 2016 and 24 February 2016 respectively. Acting Deputy Chair 31 August 2016 to 28 February 2017.
National Museum of Australia Council	2 vacant Member positions since 29 May 2016. Optimum Membership is 10 (currently stands at 8). Maximum membership is 12. It has been a long standing convention that the remaining 2 vacancies are not filled.
Australian National Maritime Museum Council	3 vacant Member positions since 10 April 2016, 5 December 2015 and 7 March 2015 respectively.
National Library of Australia Council	2 vacant Member positions since 24 July 2016.
National Gallery of Australia Council	2 vacant Member positions since 29 May 2016 and 23 May 2015 respectively.
National Film and Sound Archive	4 vacant Member positions since 30 June 2012, 30 June 2014, 4 August 2014 and 30 June 2015 respectively.
Bundanon Trust	2 vacant Member positions since 2011. Optimum membership is 10 (currently stands at 9). Maximum membership is 11. It has been a long standing convention that the remaining 2 vacancies are not filled.
National Cultural Heritage Committee	2 vacant Member positions since 10 January 2015 and 13 August 2015 respectively.
Public Lending Right Committee	4 vacant Member positions since 24 May 2013, 3 May 2014, 6 March 2015 and 11 March 2016 respectively.