

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Board Appointments**

Question: **218**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.
5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail.

Answer

1. Security Management Board and Heritage Advisory Board – Membership comprises:
 - Secretary, DPS;
 - Usher of the Black Rod; and
 - Serjeant at Arms

Appointments are by position. Incumbents of those positions change from time to time.

Parliamentary Information and Communication Technology Advisory Board – Nil.

2. The gender ratio for each board is:
 - Security Management Board – 100% (3) female, 0 male.
 - Heritage Advisory Board – 100% (3) female, 0 male.
 - Parliamentary Information and Communication Technology Advisory Board – 38% (3) female, 62% (5) male.

The gender ratio for DPS is 1 female: 1.7 male (based on total staff as at 4 June 2014).

3. No.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.