### **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

# SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 23-24 OCTOBER 2014 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

## Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Appointments

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**Senator:** Ludwig

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#### **Question:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

- a) Please detail any board appointments made from to date.
- b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c) Has the department instigated of changed its 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.
- d) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

#### **Answer:**

- a) Mrs Swati Dave was appointed as acting Chairperson of Australian Hearing for a period of up to three months from 22 October 2014. Dr Peta Seaton was appointed as Chairperson of Australian Hearing for a period of three years from 8 December 2014.
- b) There are four women and two men on the Board of Australian Hearing.
- c) No.
- d) Not applicable.