

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.

- a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- b) 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.
- c) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.
- d) Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail the changes made.

Answer:

In accordance with Senate Order 13, updated details of the board appointments within this portfolio including appointments are tabled in the Senate prior to each Senate Estimates Hearing. Updated details for portfolio boards, in accordance with Senate Order 13, were tabled for Budget Estimates in May 2014.

- a) The gender ratio on each board and across the Portfolio is outlined in the table below. These figures are based on the Portfolio's data as held in the AusGovBoards database and are consistent with the reporting rules used to generate the Government's *Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards* report.

AusGovBoards can be viewed at www.ausgovboards.gov.au

Board name	Gender Ratio (M)ale: (F)emale
Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee	11M:5F
Antarctic Science Advisory Committee	4M:4F
Australian Antarctic Names and Medals	1M:1F
Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS) Advisory Committee	8M: 5F
Australian Heritage Council	2M:5F

Board name	Gender Ratio (M)ale: (F)emale
Australia-Netherlands Committee on Old Dutch Shipwrecks	0M:1F
Booderee National Park Board of Management	4M: 5F
Clean Energy Regulator	2M:3F
Climate Change Authority	4M:1F
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	3M:3F
Expert Advisory Committee on Emissions-Intensive Trade-Exposed Activities	1M:1F
Emissions Reduction Fund Expert Reference Group	14M:1F
Expert Panel for Major Coal Seam Gas Projects	3M:1F
Expert Panel on a Declared Commercial Fishing Activity	2M:2F
Fuel Standards Consultative Committee	13M:1F
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	2M:3F
Hazardous Waste Technical Group	4M:1F
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development	4M:4F
Independent Expert Group on Adaptation	2M:3F
Independent Review into leaking bund wall at Port of Gladstone	2M:1F
Indigenous Advisory Committee	8M:3F
Kakadu Board of Management	8M:4F
Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee	9M:7F
Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Panel	4M:3F
Low Carbon Australia Limited	3M:2F
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	3M:3F
National Water Commission	3M:3F
Oil Stewardship Advisory Council	5M:5F
Product Stewardship Advisory Group	5M:6F

Board name	Gender Ratio (M)ale: (F)emale
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	3M: 5F
Threatened Species Scientific Committee	4M:6F
Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board of Management	2M:0F
Total	143M:98F

- b) The Department of the Environment is strongly committed to achieving a target of a minimum of 40 per cent women and 40 per cent men on Australian Government boards by 2015 (the remaining 20 per cent can be either women or men).

The Department uses the Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards – Information for Portfolios that has been developed by the Office for Women to assist the Portfolio in implementing strategies to achieve the gender balance target.

- c) 2010.
d) No.