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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Communications Portfolio
Department of Communications

Question No: 42

Program 1.1

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Appointments

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. Please detail any board appointments made from to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Has the department instigated or 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.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

Answer:

1. There were five board appointments made between Budget Estimates and 31 October 2014.
 - 2 x TUSMA Members
 - 1 x ABC Non-Executive Director
 - 1 x SBS chair and 1 SBS Non-Executive Director
2. The following table reflects the gender ratio (41.4 per cent female: 58.6 per cent male) as at 31 October 2014. Non-Government appointments (Managing Director positions ABC, Australia Post, SBS and the staff elected position on the ABC Board) are excluded from gender ratio statistics.

Board	Gender Ratio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	male 4: female 3
Australian Communications and Media Authority	male 5: female 3
Australia Post	male 5: female 1
NBN Co Limited	male 5: female 2
Special Broadcasting Service	male 4: female 4
Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency	male 1: female 4

3. No.
4. Not applicable.