

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

**Question No:** 247  
**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates  
**Outcome:** Corporate  
**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division  
**Topic:** PORTFOLIO WIDE - APPOINTMENTS  
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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Please detail any board appointments made from Budget Estimates in June, 2014 to date.

- a) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the Portfolio?
- b) 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.
- c) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

**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. The most recent update was tabled for Supplementary Budget Estimates in October 2014.

- a) The gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio is outlined in the table below and is current as at 30 September 2014.

<b>Board name</b>	<b>Gender Ratio (M)ale:(F)emale</b>
Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee	9M : 3F
Antarctic Science Advisory Committee	4M : 4F
Australian Antarctic Names and Medals Committee	1M : 1F
Australian Biological Resources Study Advisory Committee	0M : 3F
Australian Heritage Council	2M : 5F
Australia-Netherlands Committee on Old Dutch Shipwrecks	0M : 1F
Booderee National Park Board of Management	5M : 6F
Clean Energy Regulator	2M : 3F

<b>Board name</b>	<b>Gender Ratio (M)ale:(F)emale</b>
Climate Change Authority	5M : 0F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – Expert Scientific Panel	4M : 1F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – North Bioregional Advisory Panel	2M : 1F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – North–west Bioregional Advisory Panel	3M : 0F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – South-west Bioregional Advisory Panel	2M : 1F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – Temperate East Bioregional Advisory Panel	3M : 0F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – Coral Sea Bioregional Advisory Panel	1M : 2F
Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee	1M : 0F
Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee	7M : 1F
Emissions Reduction Fund Expert Reference Group	11M : 2F
Expert Panel for Major Coal Seam Gas Projects	3M : 1F
Expert Panel on a Declared Commercial Fishing Activity	2M : 2F
Second Expert Panel on a Declared Commercial Fishing Activity	2M : 2F
Fuel Standards Consultative Committee	12M : 1F
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	3M : 2F
Hazardous Waste Technical Group	6M : 2F
Independent Expert Group for the Climate Adaptation Outlook Report	2M : 3F
Independent Expert Panel for the Review of the <i>Water Act 2007</i>	4M : 0F
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development	4M : 4F
Indigenous Advisory Committee	1M : 1F
Kakadu Board of Management	8M : 5F
Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee	8M : 8F
Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Committee	3M : 3F
Low Carbon Australia Limited	3M : 0F

<b>Board name</b>	<b>Gender Ratio (M)ale:(F)emale</b>
Murray-Darling Basin Authority	3M : 3F
National Landcare Advisory Committee	5M : 5F
National Water Commission	2M : 4F
Oil Stewardship Advisory Council	5M : 3F
Product Stewardship Advisory Group	5M : 5F
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	3M : 5F
Threatened Species Scientific Committee	3M : 4F
Uluru-Kata Tjuta Board of Management	6M : 5F
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155M : 102F</b>

- b) The Portfolio 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 Portfolio 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.

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