

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Competitiveness Agenda

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**QUESTION No.:** SI-42

**Senator KIM CARR:** So, the board met on 17 September. Did it discuss the competitiveness agenda then?

**Mr Murfett:** My understanding would be that there was an item on the competitiveness agenda and we would have provided a general overview of the agenda.

**Senator KIM CARR:** When was the previous meeting?

**Ms Peterson:** It was 6 August.

**Senator KIM CARR:** I take it that the board still has its full membership?

**Ms Peterson:** At the moment there are a number of vacancies on the board. There are currently nine members, including the ex officio, and six vacancies.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Six?

**Ms Peterson:** That is correct.

**Senator KIM CARR:** Why are there six vacancies?

Senator Ronaldson: That is something we will take on notice.

**ANSWER**

In fulfilling its functions, the *Industry Research and Development Act 1986* provides for a maximum of 15 Innovation Australia board members, including the Chair and an ex-officio member. As at 31 October 2014, there were nine members. The Australian Government has decided that this is sufficient for the proper performance of its functions.