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QUESTION No.: SI-14

Senator KIM CARR: Minister, what is the process to fill three vacancies on the CSIRO board?

Senator Sinodinos: The recommendations come through from the minister, from memory, and they will go to cabinet.

Senator KIM CARR: They are cabinet appointments?

Senator Sinodinos: Yes, that is right.

Senator KIM CARR: You are the Cabinet Secretary. What is the process for filling the vacancies?

Senator Sinodinos: We will await recommendations from the minister.

Senator KIM CARR: So they have not come in yet?

Senator Sinodinos: I would have to go back and check. There is a long list the Cabinet Secretary has to go through. It could be on that list.

ANSWER

Consideration of a proposed candidate is currently underway.

The process to fill vacancies on the CSIRO Board is as follows:

- Potential candidates are identified by the CSIRO Board and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science in light of identified skill requirements
- The Department seeks the Minister's consideration of potential candidates
- The Minister seeks the Prime Minister's, or at his discretion, Cabinet's, endorsement of proposed candidates
- If endorsed by the Prime Minister / Cabinet, the appointment is then considered by the Governor-General in Executive Council.