

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Cross Portfolio

Department of Education Question No. ED0156_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Dept & all agencies: Board appointments

1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. 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. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place. 5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail.

Answer

Question 1 and 2:

The information requested is publicly available on the Australian Government Boards website at www.ausgovboards.gov.au/.

Board appointments made are also included in the Senate Order Report – Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies, which is tabled prior to each Senate Estimates. The Senate Order Report for 3 February 2014 to 4 May 2014 is available at docs.education.gov.au/pages/information-routinely-provided-parliament.

Question 3:

The Australian Government has committed to a gender diversity target, which aims for at least 40 per cent representation of women in board positions, 40 per cent men, and the remaining 20 per cent to be filled by either gender.

Question 4:

The gender diversity target was first introduced by the former government in 2010.

Question 5:

No.