

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2016**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Appointments**

Question: **205**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 1 April 2016

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. Please detail any board appointments made 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. While not formal appointment to Boards, the following new members have commenced between 14 September 2015 and 31 January 2016 in Boards supported by DPS:
 - Security Management Board (SMB) – Mr Rob Stefanic, Mr David Sharpe.
 - Parliamentary Information and Communication Technology Advisory Board (PICTAB) – Mr David Coleman MP.
2. As at 31 January 2016, the gender ratio for each board was:
 - SMB – 50% (2) female, 50% (2) male.
 - PICTAB – 25% (2) female, 75% (6) male.The gender ratio for DPS is 1 female: 1.62 male (based on total staff as at 31 January 2016).
3. No.
4. Not applicable.