

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearing—November 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary Departments: Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Board Appointments**

Question No: **133**

Written: Senator Ludwig

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- a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.
- b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date

Answer

a)

Security Management Board

The Security Management Board (SMB) was established pursuant to section 65A of the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* (the Act). The function of the SMB is to provide advice to the Presiding Officers on security policy, and the management of security measures, for Parliament House. Membership of the SMB is as follows:

- the Secretary of DPS (Chair);
- the Usher of the Black Rod; and
- the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Heritage Advisory Board

The Heritage Advisory Board (HAB) was established by the Presiding Officers on 23 November 2011. The primary function of the Board is to provide advice to the Presiding Officers on the heritage management of Parliament House. Membership of the HAB is as follows:

- the Secretary of DPS (Chair);
- the Usher of the Black Rod; and
- the Serjeant-at-Arms.

Parliamentary Information and Communication Technology Advisory Board

The Parliamentary ICT Advisory Board (PICTAB) was established from a recommendation of the Roche Report to oversee the development and progress of the parliamentary ICT Strategic Plan and to provide guidance on strategic objectives and outcomes. The Board assists the Presiding Officers in ensuring that the Parliament has international standard information and communications technology facilities (including sound and vision technology) to allow the Parliament to meet its objectives. This includes greater public electronic access to information from and about the Parliament. The Board consists of eight representatives from the following:

- Department of Parliamentary Services (chair);
- Government;
- Opposition;

- Minor party/independent;
- Department of the Senate;
- Department of the House of Representatives;
- Parliamentary Budget Office; and
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner.

b) The gender ratios are as follows:

SMB = 3 female, 0 male

HAB = 3 female, 0 male

PICTAB = 2 female, 6 male

c) No Board appointments have been made since 7 September 2013.