

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-15

Finance Portfolio

Department/Agency: Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome/Program: General

Topic: AEC positions - Acting Statistician; Western Australian, Queensland and Northern Territory Electoral Officers; and Chief Financial Officer

Senator: Ludwig

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Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Is the acting statistician fulfilling the role as the non-judicial member?

Mr Rogers: No. I am not sure who is the acting statistician. I would say to be helpful that the commission has a full quorum and is acting as a full commission.

Senator LUDWIG: But the position is vacant. There is no-one sitting in that job. That is right, isn't it?

Mr Rogers: That is correct.

Senator LUDWIG: For how long has no-one been sitting in that job?

Mr Rogers: Since the departure of the statistician. I would have to check those dates for you.

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Senator LUDWIG: Then the Western Australian electoral officer resigned? Is that right?

Mr Rogers: That is correct.

Senator LUDWIG: What date did he resign?

Mr Rogers: I do not have that in front of me, but I will take that on notice. I do not want to give you the wrong information.

Senator LUDWIG: I accept that. I will not press you for it. The Queensland and Northern Territory electoral offices are vacant as well. For how long?

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Mr Rogers: That is correct. I might, just to be helpful, let you know that we have an acting person in the Western Australian role and we deliberately put them in there for that period.

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Senator LUDWIG: When did that position become vacant?

Mr Rogers: Again, if you allow me to provide you those dates, I will take that on notice.

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Senator LUDWIG: Then, the chief financial officer, do we have one of those?

Mr Rogers: The chief financial officer left—

Mr Kitson: The chief financial officer, I believe, left in August this year and was replaced on a temporary basis by an acting chief financial officer.

Mr Rogers: I will check the dates for you, Senator, as I do not want to give you the wrong dates.

Answer:

Mr Brian Pink resigned from the position of Australian Statistician on 12 January 2014.

Role	Vacancy date
AEO WA	10 May 2014
AEO Qld	9 July 2014
AEO NT	9 May 2014
CFO	16 September 2014