

**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.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Vacancy date</b>
AEO WA	10 May 2014
AEO Qld	9 July 2014
AEO NT	9 May 2014
CFO	16 September 2014