

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

**Group 2**

**Program 2.1**

**Question No. 144**

**Senator Singh asked the following question at the hearing on 24 February 2014:**

- 1) What is the FTE staffing currently?
- 2) Has FTE staffing increased or decreased since November 2013 estimates?
- 3) Has the classification section of AGD been restructured in any way?
- 4) How many women are employed the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many are women?
- 5) How many people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander are employed by the Office? As a percentage of all staff, how many identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
- 6) Have any voluntary redundancies been offered or made?

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

1. There are eight current full time members of the Classification Board. This compliment comprises the Director, Deputy Director and six members.

The Classification Review Board is a part time body which only convenes when an application for review of a decision of the Classification Board has been received. There are five members of the Classification Review Board. This compliment comprises the Convenor, Deputy Convenor and three members.

2. The number of full time members for the Classification Board has not changed since the November 2013 estimates.

The number of members for the Classification Review Board has not changed since the November 2013 estimates.

3. The Classification Branch has responsibility for classification policy and provides administrative support for the Classification Board and the Classification Review Board. The Branch was restructured in January 2014. The restructure provided a better alignment of

functions within the Branch as well as a streamlining and reduction of senior management positions.

4. There are currently eight full time members of the Classification Board. Seven members or eighty eight percent are women.

There are currently five members of the Classification Review Board. Four members or eighty percent are women.

5. The provision of Equal Employment Opportunity data is purely voluntary. No members of the Classification Board or the Classification Review Board have identified as having an Aboriginal or Torres Strait background.
6. The members of the Classification Board and Classification Review Board are statutory appointments and are not covered by the voluntary redundancy arrangements.