

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

Program: General

Question No. AE17/110

Senator Bilyk asked the following question at the hearing on 28 February 2017:

Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.

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

Agency	Position	Time vacant	Acting arrangements
Administrative Review Council	President	Vacant since 17 September 2012	Nil. The Government has decided to discontinue the Council as a separate advisory body, and consolidate its functions into the Attorney General's Department. This was announced by the Minister for Finance on 11 May 2015. As such, no acting arrangements are required.
	Member	Vacant since 8 February 2014	
	Member	Vacant since 12 September 2015	
	Member	Vacant since 5 December 2015	
Federal Circuit Court of Australia	Chief Executive Officer and Principal Registrar	Vacant since 1 July 2016	Dr Stewart Fenwick acting since 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.
National Archives of Australia Advisory Council	Member	Vacant since October 2012	Nil. The Council is currently operational with 2 parliamentary representatives and 9 members. No acting arrangements are required.
	Member	Vacant since March 2013	
National Native Title Tribunal	Registrar	Vacant since April 2016	Mr Rob Powrie acting since April 2016.
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner	Freedom of Information Commissioner	Vacant since 1 January 2015	Nil.
Office of Parliamentary Counsel	Second Parliamentary Counsel	Vacant since 13 January 2017	Mr Keith Byles acting since 15 January 2017.