

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES – 26 – 27 MAY 2014

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(BE14/477) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Ludwig (Written) asked:

1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.
5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

A list of all appointments and vacancies is required to be tabled seven days before the commencement of the budget estimates, supplementary budget estimates and additional estimates hearings under Senate Procedural Order 15 – Departmental and agency appointments and vacancies. Please refer to the documents tabled in the Senate under this Order on Wednesday 14 May 2014.

The gender balance policies and targets for board appointments are the responsibility of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Portfolio performance towards the Government's gender balance target of 40% for board appointments by 2015 is reported on the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's website.