

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

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Question No. BE15/074

Senator Collins asked the following written question from the 27 and 28 May 2015 hearing:

1. Regarding the management of the NFSA, how many days over FY 2014-15 has the Director been present at the NFSA in Canberra? Where has he been on the other days? Has TA been paid for those days? How much TA has been paid in total?
2. The NFSA Organisational Chart on the website is dated October 2014. It appears from this chart that the position of General Manager Collection is vacant. Is that the case? Has an appointment been made? When? If not, why not? If the position has been filled, why was the position vacant for so long?

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

1. The NFSA operates offices in Canberra (Headquarters), Sydney and Melbourne and undertakes business with stakeholders in other locations around Australia.

As of 23 June 2015, the CEO's whereabouts for the 2014-15 year were as follows:

Canberra: 122.5 days
Sydney: 75 days
Melbourne: 11.5 days
Brisbane: 3.5 days
Adelaide: 2 days
Perth: 1 day
Overseas: 13 days
Leave: 23.5 days
Public holiday: 9 days

No travel allowance has been paid to the CEO.

2. In October 2014, the position of General Manager, Collections was vacant. An appointment to that position was made on 1 May 2015 after a comprehensive, merit-based competitive recruitment process, including seeking permission from the APSC Commissioner to open the recruitment process to candidates outside the Australian Public Service.