

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
—Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2013**

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Board Appointments**

Question: **118**

Written **Senator Ryan**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2013

- a. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.
- b. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.

Answer

- a) The Security Management Board (SMB) is a statutory board under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* (the Act). The Heritage Advisory Board (HAB) was established by the Presiding Officers in November 2011.

The SMB comprises the Secretary DPS, the Usher of the Black Rod (as a representative of the Department of the Senate) and the Serjeant-at-Arms (as a representative of the House of Representatives). The Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer (as a representative of the Parliamentary Budget Officer) was also a member of the SMB from 2 August 2012 to 29 June 2013 when the Parliamentary Service Act was amended to exclude the Parliamentary Budget Officer from being a member. The Secretary DPS is the Chair of the SMB.

The Secretary DPS is a member of the HAB, along with the Usher of the Black Rod (nominated by the Clerk of the Senate) and the Serjeant-at-Arms (nominated by the Clerk of the House of Representatives). The Secretary DPS is the Chair of the HAB.

- b) The gender ratio for the SMB is Female—2, Male—1.
The ratio for the HAB is Female—2, Male—1.
- c) The Presiding Officers appointed the Assistant Parliamentary Budget Officer as a member of the SMB on 2 August 2012. See a) above.