

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 21-22 MAY 2012

IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP PORTFOLIO

(BE12/0499) Program 5.1: Settlement Services for Migrants and Refugees

Senator Cash (L&CA 98) asked:

Provide information as to when each of the NAATI board members, or the four out of the five board directors, took up their appointment. Provide a profile of the directors including their names.

Answer:

The following National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) Board profiles have been provided by NAATI.

NAATI Board Chair

Ms Kerry Stubbs BA(Hons) MA(Hons) Grad Cert Writing MAICD

Ms Kerry Stubbs was appointed to the role of Director on 1 March 2010 and was appointed Chair on 15 November 2010. Ms Stubbs' term expires on 1 March 2013.

Ms Stubbs is CEO and Managing Director of Northcott Disability Services. Ms Stubbs has extensive board and committee experience, including Board Chair and Chair of audit and finance committees. From 2002 to 2008 she was the Executive Director of St Vincent's Hospital and Sacred Heart. She was the founding member and a steering committee member of the Network for Intercultural Communication, a group of practitioners formed to share experiences and information and develop expertise for people working in the fields of multicultural issues. She was also a member of the English in the Workplace Taskforce and of the Office of the Director of Equal Opportunity in Public Employment advisory subcommittee on issues affecting people of non-English-speaking background in the public sector. Ms Stubbs has a Master of Arts in Government and Public Administration. In 2007 she was named the NSW Telstra Businesswoman of the Year in the Community and Government Sector and has written numerous publications including the award winning Multiculturalism in Conflict training handbook. Ms Stubbs is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

NAATI Board Director

Dr Bulent (Hass) Dellal OAM

Dr Hass Dellal was appointed to the role of Director on 1 September 2010.
Dr Dellal's term expires on 31 October 2013.

Dr Dellal was appointed Executive Director of the Australian Multicultural Foundation in 1989, an organisation established to promote a strong commitment to Australia as one people drawn from many cultures. He was also appointed as Special Adviser for the Australasian Police Multicultural Advisory Bureau by the Conference of Commissioners of Police, Australasia and the South West Pacific Region in 2002-2004. Dr Dellal has had extensive experience throughout Australia and internationally on multicultural affairs; including the establishment of the European Multicultural Foundation and the Diversity Matters Forums for the Commonwealth Nations. He has spearheaded a number of initiatives for the benefit and development of the general community to include the Muslim Youth Summits for the Commonwealth Government, the Muslim Youth Leadership programs and the Community Policing Partnership projects. He serves on a number of committees and boards that deal with community relations, business, police relations, access and equity, religious diversity, skill recognition, second language development, philanthropy and the arts. Dr Dellal was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division for services to Multicultural Organisations, the Arts, and the Community on the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1997. He was also awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal in 2003, and was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Social Sciences by RMIT University on 13 December 2006. In 2010, Dr Dellal was also appointed as Deputy Chair of SBS (Special Broadcasting Services) and to the Commonwealth's Australian Multicultural Council.

NAATI Board Director

Associate Professor Ludmila Stern BA(Hons) PhD

Dr Ludmilla Stern was appointed to the role of Director on 1 March 2010.
Dr Stern's term expires on 1 March 2013.

Dr Stern is an Associate Professor and Head of School of International Studies at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Before embarking on an academic career, Dr Stern worked as an interpreter and translator. As part of her research she examines interpreting and other intercultural communication practices, particularly in legal and courtroom settings, and their impact on courtroom communication, (for example, the Australian War Crimes Prosecutions (1986-1993), at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Court). Dr Stern was one of the examiners and, later, the Chair of the NAATI Russian panel. She was the founder and the first coordinator of the NAATI-approved Master's degree in Interpreting and Translations Studies at UNSW (2005-2010), for which she was awarded the 2010 Dean's Award and the Vice Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence. Dr Stern has been a consultant and an educator of interpreters and interpreter users for Australian and international organisations.

NAATI Board Director

Mr Abeselom Nega AFAIM CAHRI

Mr Abeselom Nega was first appointed to the role of Director on 31 August 2005 and was re-appointed on 1 September 2011. Mr Nega's term expires on 1 September 2013.

Mr Nega came to this country as a refugee. Since his arrival, his community work roles have included Founding Deputy Chair of Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma; Founding Deputy Chair of the Annerley Community Centre; Board member of the Brisbane Migrant Resource Centre; Board member of the Cabramatta Community Centre in Sydney; Founding Chair of the Federation African Communities Council; member of the Australian Human Rights Commission: African Australians and Social Inclusion Steering Committee; Executive Member of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia and Chair of the New and Emerging Communities policy advisory committee.

Mr Nega has held Senior Executive positions in both the public and private sectors and is now the CEO of iEmpower – a service for young people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Previously, Mr Nega was General Manager of AMES Employment, which serviced over 36 000 job seekers and managed over 380 staff.