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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry



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Senate Select Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Dear Ms Radcliffe

In the course of preparing a response to a question on notice arising from the budget Estimates Hearing, conducted in May 2010, the department has determined that a response provided to question on notice CDP 04 in February 2010, regarding gender ratios on boards, was inaccurate.

Attached is a copy of our correction for the consideration of the committee.

I apologise for the incorrect information supplied to the committee and for any misunderstanding that may have arisen. It would be appreciated if this correction could be brought to the attention of the members of the Committee.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact me on 6272 5002.

Yours sincerely

Dr Rhondda Dickson
Deputy Secretary

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Question: CPD 04

Division/Agency: Corporate Policy Division

Topic: Appointments

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Senator Barnett asked:

What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

Answer:

As at 14 April 2010:

Portfolio Board Name	Current Gender Balance
Cotton Research and Development Corporation	5 Women 4 Men
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	2 Women 7 Men
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation	3 Women 6 Men
Grains Research and Development Corporation	2 Women 6 Men
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	3 Women 5 Men
Sugar Research and Development Corporation	3 Women 6 Men
Australian Fisheries Management Authority Commission	3 Women 6 Men
Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation	3 Women 5 Men
Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Advisory Board	1 Woman 6 Men
Wheat Exports Australia	2 Women 4 Men
National Rural Advisory Council	3 Women 5 Men
Statutory Fishing Rights Allocation Review Panel	4 Women 3 Men

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Question: CPD 04 (continued)

Portfolio Board Name	Current Gender Balance
Recreational Fishing Advisory Committee	2 Women 7 Men
Australian Landcare Council	1 Women 1 Man
Biosecurity Advisory Council	6 Women 3 Men
Rural Research and Development Council	6 Women 4 Men
Horticulture Code of Conduct Committee	4 Women 4 Men
Regional Food Producers Innovation and Productivity Program Advisory Panel	3 Women 3 Men
Forest Industries Development Fund Advisory Committee	5 Men
Forest Industries Climate Change Research Fund: Assessment Panel	1 Woman 3 Men

The above figures may include executive directors of research and development corporations who are board members, but are not appointed by the minister. Also included are ex-officio members, regardless of whether they are a government or industry representative.

Appointments to statutory selection committees have not been included. Registrar appointments are also not included in the above figures.