

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
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**Outcome Number: 3.5 Workforce and Quality**

**Question No: SQ15-000094**

**Topic: Advisory Council**

**Written Question on Notice**

**Senator Polley, Helen** asked:

What criteria was used to select members of the Advisory Council?

Outline how individual members meet the relevant criteria.

Please provide details of the clinical expertise of each of the Advisory Council members.

**Answer:**

For a person to be eligible for appointment under section 32 of the *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013* (Quality Agency Act) the Minister must be satisfied that the person has substantial experience or knowledge in at least one of the fields listed below:

- evaluation of quality management systems;
- provision of aged care, including provision of aged care to people with special needs;
- aged care consumer issues;
- geriatrics;
- gerontology;
- aged care nursing;
- psychiatry of the older person;
- adult education;
- public administration;
- management;
- law;
- health consumer issues; or
- any other appropriate field of expertise.

All Advisory Council members have substantial experience or knowledge in at least one of the areas specified by the Quality Agency Act, and were considered suitable for membership on the Advisory Council as together they provide a suitable breadth of skills and experience. It is not a requirement under the Quality Agency Act that each member of the Advisory Council has clinical experience.

Ms Coote has long standing experience in public administration including as Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services in the Victorian Parliament until 2014.

Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua is a practicing GP. She was Federal President of the AMA (2007 – 2009) and AMA (WA) State President (1998 – 2000) and has served on many boards and committees related to health and academia.

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Dr Cullen is the Managing Director of Tonic Health Media and a practicing psychiatrist. He was recently part of the Group Executive for Medibank Health Solutions, and the Deputy Chair and Director of the Schizophrenia Research Institute.

Dr Stephen Judd is currently the Chief Executive of HammondCare and has held positions on a number of bodies including Aged Care Services (NSW & ACT) and the Community Council for Australia.

Mr Paul Sadler is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Presbyterian Aged Care NSW & ACT, and previously at Aged & Community Services NSW & ACT. Mr Sadler also currently sits on the Boards of the Australian Health Institute, the Australian Association of Gerontology and the Retirement Villages Advisory Council.

Mr Ian Yates AM is the Chief Executive of Council on the Ageing (COTA) and serves as COTA representative on federal government and aged sector national bodies - he is a member of the Federal Government's Aged Care Sector Committee, and the Federal Government's Aged Care Financing Authority. Mr Yates represents COTA on the National Aged Care Alliance and he was a Director of the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd until 31 March 2014.

Ms Carol Bennett represents consumer interests from her current role as the CEO of Alzheimer's Australia. Ms Bennett has been CEO of some of Australia's leading health organisations including the Consumers Health Forum of Australia, the Australian Rural and Remote Workforce Agencies Group (now Rural Health Workforce Australia) and the Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association.