

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.5 Workforce and Quality**

**Question No: SQ15-000096**

**Topic: Advisory Council**

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**Senator Polley, Helen** asked:

In the Assistant Minister's media release of 23 February 2015 announcing the appointment of the Council members, there was no mention made of Associate Professor Rosanna Capolingua's then current role as Chair of Healthway in Western Australia. Why?

**Answer:**

To be eligible for appointment to the Aged Care Quality Advisory Council a person must have substantial experience or knowledge from a certain field of expertise as provided in subsection 32 of the *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013* (Quality Agency Act).

Associate Professor Capolingua is a registered medical professional who has served on a variety of health related public boards since 1994.

In his media release, the Assistant Minister reflected on Associate Professor Capolingua's skills and experience in the relevant fields of expertise as they relate to the requirements under the Quality Agency Act, and noted that she had served on many boards and committees.