

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

### **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES – 11 FEBRUARY 2016 ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Department of Human Services

**Topic:** Appointments

**Question reference number:** HS 71

**Senator:** Ludwig

**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

- a) Please detail any board appointments made to date.
- b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c) Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.
- d) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

**Answer:**

- a) There have been no appointments to the Board of Australian Hearing Services or to the Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation Programme (WPIT) Expert Advisory Group since 14 September 2015.
- b) The Board of Australian Hearing Services comprises six people; four women and two men, with a ratio for that board of 2:1. The WPIT Expert Advisory Group comprises two women and three men, with a ratio of 2:3. The general ratio of female to male membership of boards across the portfolio is 6:5.
- c) No.
- d) Not applicable.