

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO
2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 136

Topic: Boards

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Senator Cash asked:

"As at 30 June 2011 women held 35.3 per cent, and men held 64.7 per cent of the 3960 board positions to 466 Australian Government boards and bodies

(http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/women/pubs/govtint/Documents/gbgb_april2012.pdf)

How are these board appointments made, and how is it ensured that each person appointed to a board is board-ready? What are the criteria? "

Answer:

Individual departments and agencies are responsible for the appointments and appointment processes within their portfolios.