

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Social Services Portfolio
2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: Cross Outcome - Across Programs

Question No: 812

Topic: Appointments

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Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Does the department have a 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.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.
5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail.

Answer:

1. Appointments made since Additional Estimates in February are included in agencies' Senate Order 13 reports. The Department of Social Services tabled its most recent Senate Order 13 report on 16 June 2014.
2. Gender ratios by portfolio are published in the Gender Balance on Australian Government Boards Report. The latest available report from 2012-2013 is available online at:
<http://www.dpmc.gov.au/women/news/2013/gender-balance-on-australian-government-boards-report-2012-2013.cfm>
3. The Government set a target in 2010 of a minimum of 40 per cent women and 40 per cent men on Australian Government Boards by 2015.
4. See above answer.
5. No.