

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**Outcome Number:** Cross

**Question No:** 052

**Topic:** Board Appointments

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010?

**Answer:**

The gender ratio on each board across the portfolio as at 31 October 2010 is:

<b>Boards</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	1	4
Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee #1	1	0
Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute Limited	2	3
Closing The Gap Clearing House	2	1
Indigenous Business Australia	6	2
Indigenous Land Corporation	2	5
National People with Disabilities and Carer Council	19	9
National Policy Commission on Indigenous Housing	1	4
Outback Stores	1	4
Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness	5	4
Productivity Commission Inquiry into Long-term Care & Support Scheme – Independent Panel	3	5
Violence Against Women Advisory Group	6	3
<b>Total across the portfolio</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>44</b>

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<b>Statutory bodies elected by communities</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee #1	1	13
Anindilyakwa Land Council #2	10	15
*Central Land Council #2	4	7
*Northern Land Council #2	3	6
*Tiwi Land Council #2	0	5
Torres Strait Regional Authority #3	3	17
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council #4	3	6
<b>Total across the portfolio</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>69</b>

Notes:

#1 The Minister can appoint up to three members of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee. As at 31 October 2010, she has appointed the Chairperson. The other members of the Advisory Committee are elected by the Northern Territory Land Councils.

#2 The Anindilyakwa Land Council, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council and Tiwi Land Council have representatives elected by their communities. These Council representatives perform the functions of a board.

#3 The Torres Strait Regional Authority Board consists of 20 elected members who are all Torres Strait Islanders or Aboriginal people living in the region and are elected by their community.

#4 The Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council's Executive Committee of nine members is elected at the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Council.

\* These are the executive members of the statutory bodies elected by the Council for positions of Chair, Deputy Chair and Executive members pursuant to s.29A and s.30 of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976.

The Social Security Appeals Tribunal data has not been included as it is a tribunal not a board. The members of the Tribunal are appointed by the Governor-General.

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The gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010 is:

<b>Portfolio boards</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>
Aboriginal Hostels Limited	1	2
Indigenous Business Australia	3	2
National People with Disabilities and Carer Council	1	1
Outback Stores	1	0
Productivity Commission Inquiry into Long-term Care & Support Scheme – Independent Panel	0	1
<b>Total across the portfolio</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>