

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Hearing: Additional Estimates
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Programme: Policy Analysis and Implementation (PAAI)
Topic: Board Appointments
Hansard Page: N/A
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Question Type: Written

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September 2015:

1. Please detail any board appointments made to date.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. 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.
4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.

Answer:

1. Refer to the Senate Order relating to all existing vacancies and appointments for the periods 4 May 2015 – 27 September 2015 and 28 September 2015 - 17 January 2016 (<http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/accountability-reporting/portfolio-appointments-vacancies>).
2. The gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio, as at 1 February 2016 is outlined in **Attachment A**.
3. The Department of the Environment's gender diversity target is the same as the Australian Government's gender diversity target for women on Australian Government boards.
4. Not applicable.

Attachment A

Board Name	Gender Ratio (M)ale : (F)emale
ACORN-SAT Technical Advisory Committee	6M : 2F
Alligator Rivers Region Technical Committee	8M : 3F
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	1M : 0F
Australian Heritage Council	3M : 4F
Australia-Netherlands Committee on Old Dutch Shipwrecks	0M : 1F
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	4M : 2F
Clean Energy Regulator	2M : 3F
Climate Change Authority	6M : 2F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – Expert Scientific Panel	1M : 0F
Commonwealth Marine Reserves Review – Bioregional Advisory Panel	2M : 0F
Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee	8M : 1F
Fuel Standards Consultative Committee	6M : 0F
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority	3M : 2F
Hazardous Waste Technical Group	6M : 2F
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development	4M : 2F
Indigenous Advisory Committee	4M : 2F
National Landcare Advisory Committee	6M : 4F
Oil Stewardship Advisory Council	6M : 4F
Product Stewardship Advisory Group	0M : 0F
Reef 2050 Advisory Committee	0M : 1F
Reef 2050 Independent Expert Panel	12M : 4F
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	3M : 2F
Threatened Species Scientific Committee	6M : 5F
TOTAL	97M : 46F