

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications  
Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Bilyk asked:**

Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.

**Answer:**

**Attachment A** lists all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements as at 8 February 2016.

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Statutory Board/Legislated Office Position	Position	Length of time vacant	Current Acting Arrangements
Alligator Rivers Region Advisory Committee	Member – NT Administrator	Vacant since 28/7/2015	Nil
	Member – Environment Centre NT	Vacant since 24/3/2014	Nil
Australian Renewable Energy Agency	Chair	Vacant since 16/1/2016	Nil
	3 x Member Positions	Vacant since 16/1/2016	Nil
	1 x Member position	Vacant since 30/6/2014	Nil
	1 x Member position	Vacant since October 2013	Nil
Clean Energy Finance Corporation	1 x Member position	Vacant since 18/12/2015	Nil
Climate Change Authority	Chief Executive Officer	Vacant since 2/4/15	Acting Chief Executive Officer appointment 3/4/2015 – 30/6/2015, and 1/7/2015 - 30/6/2016

Statutory Board / Legislated Office Position	Position	Length of time vacant	Current Acting Arrangements
*Fuel Standards Consultative Committee	Chair	Vacant since 18/6/2014	Nil
	12 x Member positions	One x vacant since 7/1/2014 One x vacant since 29/04/2014 One x vacant since 24/08/2014 One x vacant since 25/05/2015 One x vacant since 29/05/2015 One x vacant since 1/08/2015 Two x vacant since 10/09/2015 One x vacant since 24/09/2015 Two x vacant since 6/12/2015 One x vacant since 1/7/2016	Nil
Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Coal Seam Gas and Large Coal Mining Development	2 x Member positions	One vacant since 1/5/2015 One vacant since 1/11/2015	Nil  (Note: Member positions filled on 2 March 2016)
Indigenous Advisory Committee	Chair	Vacant since 30/12/2015	Deputy Chair acting as Chair
	4 x Member positions	Two x vacant since 31/12/2015 One x vacant since 30/6/2014 One x vacant since 22/10/2014	Nil

Statutory Board / Legislated Office Position	Position	Length of time vacant	Current Acting Arrangements
Kakadu Board of Management	10 x Traditional Owner nominated member	One vacant since 23/01/2015. One vacant since 1/07/2015. Eight vacant since 07/09/2015	Nil
	1 x Tourism Industry Member	Vacant since 07/09/2015	Nil
*Product Stewardship Advisory Group	Chair	Vacant since 21/11/2015	Nil
	9 x Member positions	Vacant since 21/11/2015	Nil
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust	2 x Member positions - NSW Government Nominees	Vacant since 16/06/2015	Nil
	1 x Member position	Vacant since 11/02/2016	Nil

Statutory Board / Legislated Office Position	Position	Length of time vacant	Current Acting Arrangements
Uluru–Kata Tjuta Board of Management	1 x Environment Minister Member	Vacant since 9/11/2014	Nil
*Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board	Chair 4 x Member positions	Vacant since October 2014	Nil – Board is inactive.

\*Fuel Standards Consultative Committee, Oil Stewardship Advisory Council, Product Stewardship Advisory Group, Land Sector Carbon and Biodiversity Board are currently in the Omnibus Repeal Bill before the Parliament.