

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: People and Organisational Strategy Division (POSD)

Question No: 287

Topic: Portfolio Appointments and Vacancies

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Referring the list of Treasury portfolio vacancies that was received on 20 February 2017 according to the APH website:

1. How long have these vacancies been present, for each of the five bodies listed there?
2. Is it the Government's intention that these positions be filled? When will this occur?
3. Has briefing been provided to the Government about potential candidates for these vacant positions? If so, when? To which ministerial office?
4. Are any of these bodies to be abolished?

Answer:

Refer to table at Attachment A. In relation to question 3, we do not comment on policy advice given to the Government.

Attachment A

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Australian Statistics Advisory Council (ASAC) - Member	This position was vacant from November 2016 to 23 March 2017.	Refer to response to question 1.	No.
Australian Taxation Office (ATO) – Second Commissioner	The position has been vacant since August 2016.	The Chief Finance Officer is currently acting as Second Commissioner until 30 April 2017. Progress has been made on appointment arrangements to permanently fill this role and it is anticipated that an announcement will be made by mid-May 2017.	No.
Companies Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board (CALDB) - Members	Six positions are vacant. Two positions have been vacant since November 2013; two since November 2014; and two since December 2015.	There is no intention to fill these vacancies at this time. The Government will continue to monitor the level of referrals to CALDB.	No. From 1 March 2017, responsibility for disciplining liquidators transferred from CALDB to the Insolvency Practitioner Disciplinary Committee.
Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee (CAMAC) - Members	Six positions are vacant. Three positions have been vacant since May 2014 and three have been vacant since December 2014.	There is no intention to fill these vacancies. The Government intends to proceed with the abolition of CAMAC.	Yes.
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) - Members	Two vacancies have existed since 13 May 2016. The Board can appoint between two and eight general members. The current board of six general members was appointed on 13 May 2016.	Not applicable.	No.