

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** AUSTRALIAN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISATION (ANSTO)

**TOPIC:** ANSTO Board

**REFERENCE:** Question on Notice (Hansard, 3 June 2014, pages 73- 74)

**QUESTION No.:** BI-1

**Senator KETTER:** I would like to talk about the board of ANSTO. I understand that there are currently two vacancies on the board. Is that correct?

**Dr Paterson:** There are two vacancies.

**Senator KETTER:** How long have those positions been vacant?

**Dr Paterson:** I think the board matters and the detail on them are handled by the department, but the vacancies in question have been in place for in the order of eight months.

**Senator KETTER:** In terms of board meetings, how many attendees are required for a quorum?

**Dr Paterson:** We have a full quorum and some ability to flex if board members are not available; so I think that from a quorum perspective we are well served.

**Senator KETTER:** So there have not been any inquorate meetings this financial year?

**Dr Paterson:** There have not.

**Senator KETTER:** Can you tell us how many members have attended each meeting this financial year?

**Dr Paterson:** I will take the detail of the question on notice, but my understanding is that for the current financial year's board meetings there was one absentee at one board meeting, and apart from that the current board members have been fully represented at the meetings.

**Senator KETTER:** I would appreciate you taking that on notice.

**ANSWER**

There have been five ANSTO board meetings so far during the 2014/15 financial year – 13 August 2014, 1 October 2014, 3-4 December 2014, 5 February 2015 and 9 April 2015.

All seven Board members were in attendance at the August 2014, October 2014 and April 2015 Board meetings, as well as at the two-day combined Strategy and Risk Workshop and Board meeting held in December 2014.

Six of the seven Board members attended the February 2015 Board meeting.