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TOPIC: CSIRO Board

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QUESTION No.: BI-6

Senator KETTER: I would like to move on to consideration of the board of CSIRO. I understand there are two vacancies on the board at the moment; is that correct?

Dr Marshall: Yes. We currently have two vacancies on the board.

Senator KETTER: How long have those positions been vacant?

Dr Marshall: I would have to refer to Mr Roy to give you the details on that. While he is doing that, I will point out that we currently have eight members serving on the board. The two vacancies are there. Our chairman will also end his term at the end of June. I will hand over to Mr Roy.

Mr Roy: Of the two vacancies, one was Professor Peter Hoj, who stepped down on 6 December last year. Mary Boydell was the other member who stepped down—I think it was earlier this year, but we can take that on notice. Just pre-empting, if I may, some of the questions that I heard from the previous testimony: we have had a quorum at each of the meetings over the course of the last 12 months, and our annual report points out who attends and who does not. I cannot recall any of the board members not being available for any of those meetings over that period of time. There may be one or two instances where they have, but we have always had a quorum for those meetings.

Senator KETTER: How many board members are due to expire this month?

Mr Roy: Their positions are due to expire, Senator. We have three at the end of June.

Senator KETTER: And how many before the end of the year?

Mr Roy: We have another one before the end of the year.

Dr Marshall: That would be one in October.

Mr Roy: I took that as the end of the calendar year.

Senator KETTER: Yes. How many attendees are required for a quorum at the meeting?

Dr Marshall: As embarrassing as it is, we will have to take that one on notice. We would be guessing.

Senator KETTER: Similar to the question I asked previously: can you tell us how many members have attended each meeting this financial year?

Mr Roy: We will do that on notice, Senator.

Senator KETTER: Thank you.

ANSWER

There were 8 meetings of the CSIRO Board during the 2014-15 Financial Year. Details below:

Meeting Number	Date	No of Attendees
184	2 July 2014	10/10
184a (out of session)	7 July 2014	9/10
185	26 August 2014	9/10
186	9 October 2014	7/9
187	5 December 2014	8/9
188	24 February 2015	8/8
189	30 April 2015	8/8
190	18 June 2015	8/8

The question in relation to the number of attendees required for a quorum was answered at the Hearing (refer to Hansard Page 83).