

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001556**

**Senator Bilyk provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Appointment vacancies**

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**

All statutory, board and legislated office vacancies, their length and applicable acting arrangements, as at 28 February 2017, are at Attachment A.

There are no 'other significant appointments and vacancies' within the portfolio.

## Employment portfolio statutory, board and legislated office vacancies

Name of portfolio body	Vacant position <sup>1</sup> /Acting arrangements (if applicable)	Date of expiry
Fair Work Commission	General Manager <sup>2</sup>	23 May 2017
Fair Work Commission	Expert Panel Member (Superannuation: to deal with the four yearly review of default fund terms in modern awards)	28 May 2014 (resigned)
National Workplace Relations Consultative Council	Member nominated by Australian Council of Trade Unions	1 February 2016 (resigned)
Safe Work Australia	South Australian Member	28 February 2017 (resigned)
Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority	Deputy to one of the two members representing employers	Unknown
Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority	One of two members representing employers	16 November 2016 (resigned)
Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority	Deputy to one of the two members representing employers	23 June 2016
Security of Payments Working Group <sup>3</sup>	At least one member representing employees in the building industry	New position(s)
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Security of Payments Working Group <sup>3</sup>	At least one member representing contractors in the building industry	New position(s)
Security of Payments Working Group <sup>3</sup>	Any other members (if any) appointed under section 32C	New position(s)

- Two recently advertised Deputy Commissioner positions in the Australian Building and Construction Commission have not been included in this list. This is because the Minister is not obliged to appoint anyone to the roles under the applicable legislation.  
The Registered Organisations Commissioner has not been included in this list as the enabling legislation has not yet commenced.
- Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister for Employment, has appointed Ms Bernadette O'Neill as the Acting General Manager of the Fair Work Commission for up to three months commencing on 24 February 2017.
- The *Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Act 2016* prescribes the minimum membership of the Working Group. The Minister has discretion as to how many representatives from each category are appointed.