

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES 2013-2014**

**Finance Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Department of Finance

**Outcome/Program:** 2/2.1

**Topic:** Boardlinks

**Senator:** Wong

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**Question:**

1. Have you briefed the Minister on the Boardlinks initiative?
2. If not, why not?
3. Does the Minister support this program to promote women into leadership positions, in particular on government boards?
4. If not, why not?
5. Has the Minister written to his ministerial colleagues encouraging the use of Boardlinks in putting forward candidates for government board appointments?
6. If not, why not?
7. Will he do so?
8. How many candidates are now under the Boardlinks program since the database was established in February 2013?
9. When will the next Boardlinks event be held?

**Answer:**

1. Yes. The Minister for Finance has been briefed, both orally and in writing, on the BoardLinks initiative.
2. N/A.
3. Yes.
4. N/A.
5. No.
6. Minister Cash, the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women, has responsibility for gender diversity on Government boards. The Minister for Finance will support the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Women in implementing the Government's policies with respect to progressing gender diversity on Government boards.
7. See above.
8. 187 BoardLinks candidates have been endorsed into the program.
9. A calendar of events for 2014 is yet to be finalised.