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Question:

Ms McIntyre: Yes. There were 29 people invited, of which 15 accepted the invitation and 14 declined.

Senator MOORE: For the 29, the initiation was from the Office for Women. On what basis? What are the criteria?

Ms McIntyre: I would have to take that on notice, because that is well before my appointment.

Senator MOORE: It would be good if we could get the criteria for it being offered to the minister—

Senator Cash: To become a BoardLinks Champion?

Senator MOORE: Yes. That would be good.

Also, could we get some information about what criteria BoardLinks Champions use to assess suitability of candidates who contact them? So, if I wanted to be on a board and I contacted BoardLinks Champion, what kind of things do the BoardLinks Champions provide or question on that basis? There must be something on that, so if we could get a briefing note on it that would be good.

Ms McIntyre: I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer:

For the basis and criteria of the invite, refer to response to PM51 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-2017.

The Office for Women has provided all BoardLinks Champions with Terms of Reference (TOR) outlining the Champions' role. The TOR provide that Champions can nominate women who they consider are 'board-ready'. The assessment of whether a woman is board-ready is a matter of discretion for Champions.