

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 8

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Appointments

Senator Ludwig asked:

- a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.
- b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date?

Answer:

- a) Portfolio Boards are listed in the table below. Further details are available on the Australian Government Boards website at: www.ausgovboards.gov.au.
- b) The following table reflects the gender ratio (45.5% female: 54.5% male) as at 19 November 2013. Non-Government appointments (Managing Director positions ABC, Australia Post, SBS and the staff elected position on the ABC Board) are excluded from gender ratio statistics.

Board	Gender Ratio
Australian Broadcasting Corporation	male 3: female 4
Australian Communications and Media Authority	male 6: female 3
Australia Post	male 5: female 3
NBN Co Limited	male 4: female 2
Special Broadcasting Service	male 3: female 5
Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency	male 3: female 3

- c) Between 7 September 2013 and 19 November 2013, the following appointments were made to Communications Portfolio Boards.

NBN Co Limited			
Appointee	Position	Start date	End date
Dr Ziggy Switkowski	Chairman	03/10/2013	2/10/2016
Mr Patrick Flannigan	Non-Executive Director	11/11/2013	10/11/2016
Mr Simon Hackett	Non-Executive Director	11/11/2013	10/11/2016
Mr Justin Milne	Non-Executive Director	11/11/2013	10/11/2016