

Senate Standing Committee on Economics
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEPARTMENT: INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

TOPIC: Board Appointments

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QUESTION No.: SI-45

1. What is the gender ratio on each board across the portfolio?
2. What is the gender ratio of appointments made to boards since Budget Estimates 2010?
3. Are you implementing the Government target of 40 per cent women appointed to boards?

ANSWER

All figures provided are as at 30 September 2010.

1.

Portfolio Body	MALE	FEMALE
Advisory Council on Intellectual Property	69%	31%
Australia-India Strategic Research Fund Advisory Panel	100%	0%
Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB)	75%	25
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Council	83%	17%
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Research Advisory Committee (RAC)	100%	0%
Australian Institute of Marine Science Council (Board)	71%	29%
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) Board	67%	33%
Australian Research Council (ARC) Advisory Council	71%	29%
Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts	68%	32%
Australian Telescope National Facility (ATNF) Steering Committee	89%	11%
Automotive Industry Innovation Council	91%	9%

Portfolio Body	MALE	FEMALE
Book Industry Strategy Group	87%	13%
Built Environment Industry Innovation Council	73%	27%
Clean Energy Innovation Centre Interim Advisory Board	80%	20%
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Board	56%	44%
Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Committee	57%	43%
Creative Industries Innovation Centre Interim Advisory Board	80%	20%
Defence Industry Innovation Centre Interim Advisory Board	91%	9%
Enterprise Connect Advisory Council	80%	20%
Enterprise Connect Manufacturing Advisory Committee	86%	14%
Future Manufacturing Industry Innovation Council	70%	30%
Geelong Innovation and Investment Fund Advisory Panel	100%	0%
Higher Education Research Reference Group	83%	17%
Information Technology Industry Innovation Council	75%	25%
Innovation Australia Board	89%	11%
Innovation Australia – Climate Ready Committee	86%	14%
Innovation Australia - Commercialisation Australia Board	57%	43%
Innovation Australia – Green Car Innovation Committee	86%	14%
Innovation Australia – Innovation Grants Committee	75%	25%
Innovation Australia - Tax Concession Committee (TCC)	71%	29%
Innovation Australia - Venture Capital Committee	80%	20%
Joint Accreditation System of Australia/New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) Governing Board	50%	50%
Marine National Facility Steering Committee	83%	17%
National Research Infrastructure Council (NRIC)	36%	64%
Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys Disciplinary Tribunal	0%	100%
Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee	89%	11%
Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council	63%	37%
Professional Standards Board for Patent and Trade Marks Attorneys	67%	33%
Pulp and Paper Industry Innovation Council (NEW)	88%	12%

Portfolio Body	MALE	FEMALE
QUESTACON Advisory Council	57%	43%
Remote Enterprise Centre Interim Advisory Board	78%	22%
Small Business Advisory Committee (NEW)	67%	33%
South Australia Innovation and Investment Fund Committee	100%	0%
Space Industry Innovation Council	77%	23%
Steel Industry Innovation Council	100%	0%
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industries Innovation Council	80%	20%
Textile, Clothing and Footwear Strategic Capability Program Assessment Panel (NEW)	67%	33%
Third Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council	56%	44%

2. Male: 79%
Female: 21%

3. The Government is committed to improving the gender balance of representation on boards and decision making bodies. Internal guidelines are provided to the Department outlining the role of the Australian Government Office for Women within the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to promote women as candidates for appointments to a variety of Australian Government boards, and other decision making bodies, for consideration along with other key criteria relating to specific board requirements.