

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Asked By: SENATOR ADAMS

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Senator ADAMS—The reason I am asking about these nominations is I have had some very astute, high profile community people from the Great Southern coming to see me and saying: ‘We’ve applied. We’ve not been notified……. Once again, being a senator for the whole state, people are coming to me and saying: ‘What on earth is going on? Why are we not getting an answer?’

Answer:

The Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government appoints individuals to RDA committees in Western Australia after considering nominations submitted through the Expression of Interest process. Applications are considered based on the skills and experience the applicant would bring to the committee matched against committee needs. The Department is currently processing applications for casual vacancies in Western Australian RDA committees for the Minister’s consideration.

The Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government will advise all applicants of the outcome of their Expression of Interest in vacancies on RDA committees.