

# Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2012

## Answers to Questions on Notice

### Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Board Appointments**

Question: **81**

Written **Senator Ryan**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 6 July 2012**

1. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.
2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
3. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.

### Answer

1. The Security Management Board (SMB) is a statutory board under the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999* (the Act). The Heritage Advisory Board (HAB) was established by the Presiding Officers in November 2011.

The SMB comprises the Secretary DPS, the Usher of the Black Rod and the Serjeant-at-Arms. The Act also provides for the Parliamentary Budget Officer—or a Parliamentary Budget Office SES officer nominated by the Presiding Officers—to be a board member.

The Secretary DPS is a member of the HAB, along with the Usher of the Black Rod (nominated by the Clerk of the Senate) and the Serjeant-at-Arms (nominated by the Clerk of the House of Representatives).

2. The gender ratio for the SMB is Female—2, Male—1, with 1 appointment pending. The ratio for the HAB is Female—2, Male—1.
3. In 2012, membership of the SMB changed with the appointments of Mr Russell D Grove and then Ms Carol Mills to the position of Secretary DPS. All members of the HAB were appointed this financial year, following the establishment of the board in late 2011.