

**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**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 17-20 October 2011**

**Question: 9**

**Topic: QLD RDA Committee Vacancies**

**Asked By: Senator MACDONALD**

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**Mr Carmichael:** That is set by the number of people on those RDAs, but there are 73 vacancies, or expiring terms, coming up, so there will be 73 appointments made from those 150 expressions of interest.

**Senator IAN MACDONALD:** On notice, can you give me where the vacancies are and, in that way, indicate to me the number of people who will be appointed in these areas? Is it possible to do that?

**Answer:**

The table below summarises the relevant data for the Queensland RDA vacancies.

| <b>State</b> | <b>RDA</b>                    | <b>Total No. EOIs received</b> | <b>No. Positions to be filled<br/>(casual vacancies + expiring terms)</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>QLD</b>   | Brisbane                      | 15                             | 5   |
|              | Darling Downs and South West  | 10                             | 6   |
|              | Far North Qld & Torres Strait | 20                             | 9   |
|              | Fitzroy & Central West        | 9                              | 5   |
|              | Gold Coast                    | 14                             | 3   |
|              | Ipswich & West Moreton        | 16                             | 7   |
|              | Logan & Redlands              | 11                             | 5   |
|              | Mackay/ Whitsunday            | 9                              | 4   |
|              | Moreton Bay                   | 10                             | 8   |
|              | Sunshine Coast                | 16                             | 8   |
|              | Townsville & North West       | 15                             | 6   |
|              | Wide Bay Burnett              | 17                             | 7   |
|              | <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                                | <b>162</b>  |