

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

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Topic: RDA Selection Process

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- a) What is the selection process for recruiting members of an RDA committee?
- b) Is there any other process besides the Expression of Interest submission process for casual vacancies?
- c) What are the prerequisites for membership?

Answer:

All expiring positions are publicly advertised. Interested individuals are invited to submit an Expression of Interest. The Department submits each applicant's information to the Minister for consideration and facilitates the appointment process in those states and territories where there is an agreement for joint consideration of appointments.

Applicants must live within the region, agree to abide by the code of conduct and to undergo probity checks.