

Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport
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Question: CP 06

Division/Agency: Corporate Policy Division
Topic: Portfolio Appointments
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Senator Minchin asked:

All appointments which have been made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and Ministers) to Statutory Authorities, Executive Agencies and Advisory Boards, with a brief outline of the respective appointee's credentials.

Answer:

Senator the Hon Chris Evans as Minister representing the Prime Minister in the Senate responded to this question in answering part (1) of Senate Question on Notice No. 117.

In addition, the following Ministerial appointments, other than those going through Cabinet, were made over the period November 2007 to February 2008:

- . Presiding Member of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Selection Committee.
- . industry nominated members of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Selection Committee.
- . industry nominated members of the Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee.
- . Chair and six members of the Wheat Industry Expert Group.

A brief outline of the appointee's credentials are included in the table below.

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Ministerial appointments completed November 2007 to February 2008, other than those going through Cabinet

Appointee	Name of body	Position	Credentials
Mr Robert Granger	Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Selection Committee	Presiding Member	Mr Granger is the principal of a management consulting firm. He is a former General Manager of the Queensland Fruit & Vegetable Growers Ltd (1980-2001) and former Chairman of the Sugar Research and Development Corporation (2002-2007).
Mr Stephen Couche Mr Stephen Shelmerdine AM Mr Robert Hill Smith	Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Selection Committee	Industry nominated members	Mr Couche – Managing Director, Orlando Wines Mr Shelmerdine – Managing Director, Shelmerdine Vineyards Pty Ltd Mr Smith – Managing Director, The Yalumba Wine Company and member of the WFA board.
Mr Alf Cristaudo Mr Ian McMaster AM Mr Ross Walker Ms Anne Story	Sugar Research and Development Corporation Selection Committee	Industry nominated members	Mr Cristaudo has a long history in the sugar industry as an active grower, industry and community representation. He is currently President, World Association of Beef and Cane Growers, Chairman, Australian Cane Growers' Council Ltd, Chairman, Qld Canegrowers Organisation Limited as well as numerous other positions on canegrower organisations. Mr McMaster is currently Chairman, Australian Sugar Industry Alliance, Director Australian Sugar Milling Council, Chairman, Emperor Gold Mines and Director, CRC for Sugar Innovation. Mr Walker has been involved in the sugar industry for many years holding positions on many R&D committees. He is currently member of the Central Region Sugar Industry Regional Advisory Group. Ms Story is currently self-employed as a consultant in horticulture and has had many years experience in on boards and councils in the horticulture industry.

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Mr John Crosby (Chair) Ms Gail Dowie Mr Geoff Honey Mr Dan Mangelsdorf Mr Geoff Nalder Mr Graham Shields Mr David Thomas	Wheat Industry Expert Group	Chair and six members	<p>Mr Crosby is a grain grower from Lucindale. He is currently Chairman of QEAC, President of the Agribusiness Association of Australia.</p> <p>Ms Dowie is a grain, pulse and oilseed grower from Central Qld. She has extensive experience in the grains industry and has held senior positions in logistics, storage and handling and marketing.</p> <p>Mr Honey is currently CEO of the National Agricultural Commodities Marketing Association. He has extensive experience in the grains industry.</p> <p>Mr Mangelsdorf is a farmer from West Wyalong in NSW and has significant knowledge and experience in the east coast grains industry. He is currently Chairman of the Grain Growers Association and Deputy Chairman of GrainCorp Ltd.</p> <p>Mr Nalder operates a dryland farm at Swan Hill in Victoria. He is currently President of the Victorian Farmers Federation Grains Group, having held various positions within the organisation. He is a long standing member of the industry with extensive knowledge in public policy and the wheat industry.</p> <p>Mr Shields is a grain grower from WA, with 40 years experience in grain production on his family farmer businesses. He is also a former principal of a grain trading company.</p> <p>Mr Thomas is currently Chairman of Barley Australia and previously held positions with major grain companies including AusBulk and AWB Ltd. He has worked in the grain industry for over 30 years.</p>