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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports  
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
16 November 2017

Asked by MRS JONES:

In relation to: Ministerial Advisory Council on Women membership and selection process:

1. What is the current membership of the Ministerial Advisory Council of Women and how long have each of the members been on the Council?
2. How do members apply and how are they selected?
3. What is the assessment criteria?

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. Current membership of the Ministerial Advisory Council on Women is detailed in the table below:

Title	Name	Position on the Council	Organisation they represent	Length of term on the Council
Dr	Beth Beckmann	Chair	ANU Gender Institute	<b>First Term</b> 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016 <b>Second Term</b> 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Dana Esperanza	Deputy Chair	Beryl Women Inc (Chair, Board of Directors)	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Louise Bannister	Member	Women with Disabilities ACT	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Julie Blackburn	Member	Individual	<b>First Term</b> 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016 <b>Second Term</b> 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Catherine Carter	Member	National Association of Women in Construction	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018



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Ms	Alisa Draskovic	Member	Individual	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Lauren Gale	Member	Women's Centre for Health Matters (Current Board Chair)	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Jayanti Gupta	Member	Multicultural Community Representative	<b>First Term</b> 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2016 <b>Second Term</b> 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Patricia Jones	Member	Individual	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Joanna Le	Member	YWCA Canberra	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Fiona Peterson	Member	Individual	31 May 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Megan Taylor	Member	Individual	1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018
Ms	Jessa Rogers	Member	Faculty of Education, Science, Technology & Maths (ESTEM) University of Canberra	31 May 2017 to 31 December 2018

### 2. How do members apply and how are they selected?

Any member of the community may apply to join the Council. The most recent recruitment was undertaken in late 2016, with nominations opening on 5 September 2016 (prior to the Caretaker period) and closing on Friday 14 October 2016. The nominations process was run through SmartyGrants.

The call for nominations for the Council was distributed to relevant organisations and via multiple e-mail networks, including the Women's Services Network.

An assessment panel was convened by the Office for Women to review the nominations. The assessment panel included: Ms Frances Crimmins (Exiting MACW chair and CEO of YWCA Canberra), Ms Nicole Moore (A/g Senior Manager Office for Women) and Ms Jane Pepper (Manager Women's and Children Program, Health Directorate).

Based on the assessment of the panel, recommendations were provided to the Minister for Women. The appointments were then agreed by Cabinet and successful applicants were appointed to the Council on 1 January 2017 for a 2 year term. Two further members, Ms Jessa Rogers and Ms Fiona Petersen were appointed by the Government on 31 May 2017 to fill vacancies. This included a vacancy for a member from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

### 3. What is the assessment criteria?

The Minister for Women appoints members based on their: demonstrated commitment to the advancement of women; demonstrated knowledge of the interests and concerns of women in the ACT community and their ability to consult and represent a wide range of views of women in the ACT.



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In addition, the Minister for Women may consider the composition of the Council as a whole when selecting members to ensure that the Council represents women in the ACT and includes (where appropriate) people with disabilities, people of diverse cultural and linguistic background, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people of different ages and from different locations.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health, Ageing and Community Services

Signature:

Date: 29/11/17

By the Minister for Women, Yvette Berry MLA