

Chief Executive Women

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The 5th Census is more comprehensive

Expanded scope from ASX200 to ASX300



Changes to the 2021 Census

Capture gender balance targets



ASX300 CEOs and CEO appointments



Women CEOs in ASX300

In ASX200 companies, women CEOs have declined from 14 in 2018 to 10 in 2021. (6%)



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CEO appointments
was a woman



Note: Cathy O'Connor was appointed CEO of oOh! Media Ltd Source: 2021 CEW census data

Executive Leadership Team roles composition



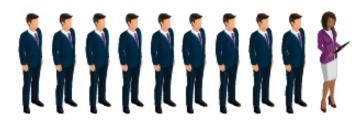
executive leadership roles are held by men



ASX300 companies have no women in their senior executive teams² (15%)



Line (CEO feeder) role composition



Almost 9 in 10

line roles are held by men

Women hold 14% of line roles. In the ASX200 this has been consistently low, ranging from 12% in 2017 to 14% in 2021. (86%)



Women CFOs

Almost half of the women CFOs (24) are in the top 100 companies. ASX200 companies with women in CFO roles rose from 16% in 2020 to 20% in 2021.



Gender targets



are implementing gender diversity targets for their senior leadership teams



Less than half of ASX300 companies have achieved, or are 'on the cusp' of achieving gender-balanced leadership teams



Take Action:



Make gender equity a visible leadership commitment

Focus on building the pipeline of women leaders

Recognise caring responsibilities

Increase men's engagement

Ensure equitable flexibility





Women leaders enabling women leaders

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