

2025 Annual General Meeting questions on notice and answers

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1	Ian Gibson	<p>NAC remit and procedures</p> <p>Under clause 15.2 of the AIA Constitution, one of the functions of the Nominations and Assessment Committee is “to source a range of candidates for election or appointment to the National Board”, but in its report on candidates the NAC says, “The NAC’s role is to assess the professional skills of candidates for the Board against established criteria, reflected in the National Board Attributes Statement.”</p> <p>(1) Has the Nominations and Assessment Committee sought to source candidates other than by general calls for expressions of interest (for example, by using networks and contacts to find suitable candidates)?</p> <p>(2) Has the National Board expressed a view, formally or informally, to the NAC as to whether it should seek to source candidates in the way referred to in (1)?</p> <p>(3) Why do the Procedures for the Nominations and Assessment Committee not include anything regarding the NAC actively sourcing individual suitable candidates?</p>	<p>Q1: The Nomination and Assessment Committee has not sought to source candidates other than by general calls for expressions of interest.</p> <p>Q2: The National Board has not expressed a view to the NAC on this matter.</p> <p>Q3: It was not considered necessary to include it.</p>
2	Ian Gibson	<p>Publication of reports of National Board meetings</p> <p>Under the AI Australia Constitution the Board is required as soon as practicable after each of its meetings to publish the minutes of the meeting or a report of that meeting.</p> <p>The Board has done this by very brief summaries of board proceedings, more recently also combined into one report covering several meetings. According reports, “Reports from board meetings are published after the minutes are confirmed at a subsequent board meeting.” That is certainly true: they are often published a long time after the minutes (and presumably therefore the reports) have been confirmed, and</p>	<p>Q1: Between 1 August 2024 and 13 June 2025, the Board met on the following dates: 24 August 2024, 24 September 2024, 14 October 2024, 22 October 2024, 30 November 2024, 27 December 2024, 22 February 2025, and 29 April 2025.</p> <p>Q2:</p>

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3	Ian Gibson	<p>Informing members about international matters</p> <p>The background to this question is the following decision of the 2021 AGM:</p> <p>The 2021 AGM affirming that the one of the reasons for people to be members of Amnesty International is the opportunity to contribute to the decision-making of AI at all its levels; noting that there are increasingly few ways in which members can be informed about current policy and organisational issues in AI at an</p>	<p>Q1:</p> <p>All member email on 30 September 2024 from the International Issues Committee Chair providing a report on the recently held Global Assembly.</p> <p>All member email on 21 October 2024, inviting members to attend the 7 November 2024 Member Forum.</p> <p>All member email on 1 November 2024, reminding members of the above.</p>

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		<p>(2) Does the National Board consider that the business of the Extraordinary meeting of the Global Assembly on 14-15 September 2024 included issues of significance or interest concerning policy or organisation being considered by or debated within the movement internationally?</p> <p>(3) What report was provided under (2)(b) of the first operative paragraph regarding the report received at and the other business transacted by that meeting?</p> <p>(4) How has operative paragraph (2)(a) been implemented in relation to the meeting of the Global Assembly in July 2025?</p>	<p>The International Issues Committee Chair provided a report at the Member Forum of 7 November 2025.</p> <p>Q4: It has not been implemented. One set of draft resolutions coming to the Global Assembly this year were presented to the Asia Pacific delegations on 18 June. The Board considered them, together with recommendations from the International Issues Committee, at its meeting of 24 June. At the time of writing it is not clear whether that will be all the resolutions coming to the Global Assembly and there may be more following the recent governance review.</p>