Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 385

Program No. Corporate Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)

Senator Ludwig asked:

Since September 7th 2013;

- 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name;
- 2. what travel expenses are provided;
- 3. what is the average attendance at board meetings;
- 4. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;
- 5. what conflicts of interest have been registered;
- 6. what remuneration is provided to board members;
- 7. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?
- 8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013?
- 9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
- 10. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served?

Answer:

The Department of Communications does not have a board.