

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question No: 171(g)

Australia Council

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How often has each board met, break down by board name;
2. What travel expenses have been incurred;
3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings;
4. List each member's attendance at meetings;
5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest;
6. What conflicts of interest have been registered;
7. What remuneration has been provided to board members;
8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?
9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?
10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.

Answer:

1. Australia Council Board has met twice in the period 14 September 2015 – 10 February 2016.
2. \$11,463 has been expended for travels costs associated for the two Board meetings held between 14 September 2015 – 10 February 2016.
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Meeting	Attendance (Board of 11 members)
October	11
December	11
Average	100 per cent

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Mr. Rupert Myer AO	Oct 15, Dec 15
Ms. Robyn Archer AO	Oct 15, Dec 15
Mr. Tony Grybowski	Oct 15, Dec 15
Mr. Waleed Aly	Oct 15, Dec 15
Ms. Lee-Ann Buckskin	Oct 15, Dec 15
Mr. Adrian Collette AM	Oct 15, Dec 15
Mr. Khoa Do	Oct 15, Dec 15
Ms. Sophie Mitchell	Oct 15, Dec 15
Ms. Sam Mostyn	Oct 15, Dec 15
Mr. Tim Orton	Oct 15, Dec 15
Ms. Rebecca Weisser	Oct 15, Dec 15

****Note:** Christine Simpson Stokes appointment to Board announced on 2 March 2016.

5. The Australia Council maintains a register of declared interest of its Board members. The register is reviewed at each meeting of the Board.
6. Register of Declared Interests provided at Attachment A.
7. Total board remuneration from 14 September 2015 to 10 February 2016 is: \$170,009.95.
8. Pursuant to the Australia Council Act 2013, subsection 22, 2) C) The Minister may terminate the appointment of an appointed Board member if: the member is absent, except on leave of absence, from 3 consecutive meeting of the Board.
9. There has not been any request to dismiss a member of the Australia Council Board.
10. Not applicable.
11. Catering expenses for the two Board meetings held in the reporting period 15 September 2015 – 10 February 2016 is \$1,708.

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Attachment A

REGISTER OF DECLARED INTERESTS OF THE BOARD OF THE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL AS AT 3 MARCH 2016.

MEMBER	DECLARED INTEREST	RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTION
Mr Rupert Myer AO CHAIR	Public Companies Chairman , The Aranday Foundation Chairman , Nuco Pty. Ltd. Director , AMCIL Limited Director , Creative Partnerships Australia Director , eCargo Holdings Ltd Director , Healthscope Ltd Director , The Myer Foundation Board Member , Australian International Cultural Foundation Board Member , Jawun – Indigenous Corporate Partnerships Board Member , The Yulgilbar Foundation Board Member , The Myer Foundation Arts and Humanities Committee Member , The University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business and Commerce Advisory Board Member , Felton Bequests’ Committee Member , International Advisory Board of The Hong Kong Arts Development Council Emeritus Trustee , National Gallery of Victoria Patron , Bendigo Art Gallery	
Ms Robyn Archer AO DEPUTY CHAIR	Artistic Director , The Light in Winter (Federation Square) Chair , Master of Fine Arts (Cultural Leadership) NIDA	-

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<p>Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Letters, Officer of the Crown (Belgium)</p> <p>Committee Membership Chair, Nominations and Appointments Member, Strategy</p>	<p>Strategic Advisor, Arts and Culture, City of Gold Coast</p> <p>Patron - Brink Productions (Adelaide)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian Script Centre (Hobart) - Australian Art Orchestra - (Melbourne) - Arts Law Society (Sydney) - Institute of Post- Colonial Studies (Melbourne) - Restless Dance Theatre (Adelaide) <p>Co-Patron– Mildura Print Triennial</p> <p>Ambassador – Adelaide Football Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International Women's Development Agency - 2012 National year of Reading <p>Member - European House of Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council on Australia Latin America Relations 	
<p>Mr Tony Grybowski</p> <p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</p> <p>Employer</p> <p>Australia Council for the Arts</p>		
<p>Mr Waleed Aly</p> <p>Committee Membership Member, Strategy</p>	<p>Director, Tigers in the Community Foundation</p> <p>Director, Macent Pty Ltd (Trading as Salam Café)</p> <p>Ambassador, Possible Dreams International</p>	

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<p>Ms Lee-Ann Buckskin</p> <p>Committee Membership Member, Nominations and Appointments</p> <p>Member, Strategy</p>	<p>Aboriginal Strategy Executive, South Australian Film Commission</p> <p>Member, Advisory Committee, National Museum of Australia</p> <p>Consultant, Adelaide Film Festival Ideas Program</p>	
<p>Mr Adrian Collette AM</p> <p>Employer The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Position Vice-Principal (Engagement)</p> <p>Committee Membership Member, Audit and Finance</p>	<p>Vice-Principal, Engagement, The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Executive Board Member, Committee for Melbourne</p> <p>Board Member, The Ian Potter Museum of Art,</p> <p>Board member, Melbourne University Sport,</p> <p>The Melbourne Theatre Company has its funding administered through the Major Performing Arts Board of the Australia Council. The Melbourne Theatre Company is part of the University of Melbourne, which is my employer.</p> <p>Additionally, the Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne has an MOU around internships with the Australia Council.</p>	<p>Life Member, Australian Entertainment Industry Association's Executive Council,</p>
<p>Mr Khoa Do</p> <p>Committee Membership Member, Audit and Finance Committee</p>	<p>No interests registered.</p>	

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Member, Nominations and Appointments		
<p>Ms Sophie Mitchell</p> <p>Employer Director, Morgans</p> <p>Committee Membership Chair, Audit and Finance</p>	<p>Trustee, Queensland Performing Arts Trust</p> <p>Director, Silver Chef Limited</p> <p>Director, Flagship Investments Limited</p> <p>Director, Morgans Foundation</p> <p>Member, Takeovers Panel</p>	
<p>Ms Samantha Mostyn</p> <p>Committee Membership</p> <p>Member, Strategy</p>	<p>President, Australia Council for International Development</p> <p>Chair, Carriageworks</p> <p>Deputy Chair, Diversity Council of Australia</p> <p>Member, The Global Commission on Business and Sustainable Development</p> <p>Director, Citigroup Pty Limited</p> <p>Director, Covermore Group Limited</p> <p>Director, Mirvac Ltd</p> <p>Director, Transurban group</p> <p>Director, Virgin Australia Holdings Ltd</p>	
<p>Mr Tim Orton</p> <p>Employer Nous Group</p> <p>Committee Membership Chair, Strategy Member, Audit and</p>	<p>Managing Director, Nous Group</p> <p>Chair, Rhodes Scholarships in Australia P/L.</p> <p>Executive Board Member, Committee for Melbourne</p> <p>Director, Jianguo P/L</p>	<p>Clients</p> <p>Melbourne Recital Centre</p> <p>Melbourne Theatre Company</p> <p>KAGE Physical Theatre</p>

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MEMBER	DECLARED INTEREST	RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTION
Finance		
Ms Christine Simpson Stokes Committee Membership Not yet allocated	No interests yet registered as recently appointed to Board on 25 February 2016.	
Ms Rebecca Weisser Committee Membership Member, Strategy	No interests registered.	