

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

Australian Film Television and Radio School

Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Boards (for Departments of 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. AFTRS Council – twice.
2. \$1,426.
3. Council average attendance - 7
4. Council Members
 - a. Prof. Julianne Schultz (Chair) - 1
 - b. Darren Dale (Deputy Chair) – 2
 - c. Andrew Mason – 2
 - d. Prof. Robyn Ewing – 1
 - e. Kate Dundas – 2
 - f. Neil Peplow – 2
 - g. Mathew Campora – 2

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5. The Council of AFTRS has a conflict of interest register. The Chair asks members to declare any conflict of interest at the start of each Council meeting.
6. Nil.
7. Total remuneration of \$60,251 has been provided to Council members, in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal. Two Council members are staff, the CEO and the Staff Elected Member, and do not receive additional remuneration.
8. Council of AFTRS has no power to dismiss Council members. The *Australian Film Television and Radio School Act 1973*, section 15 allows for the Governor General to remove a member, other than an ex officio member, from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity.

Section 15 Dismissal of members

The Governor General may remove a member, other than an ex officio member, from office on the ground of misbehaviour or physical or mental incapacity.

9. No.
10. Nil.
11. Less than \$100.