

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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National Collecting Institutions

Question No: 171(k)

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Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

National Cultural Institutions

- Australian National Maritime Museum
- National Film and Sound Archive
- National Gallery of Australia
- National Library of Australia
- National Museum of Australia
- National Portrait Gallery
- The Museum of Australian Democracy

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.

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Answer:

Australian National Maritime Museum

1. The Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum met on one occasion between 14 September 2015 and 19 February 2016.
2. The total travel expenses for the Council meeting on 9 November 2015, including flights, accommodation, car hire and taxi fares was \$7183.01.
3. 100%.
4. The following table sets out attendances of members at the meetings of the Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum since 14 September 2015:

Board Member	Meeting on 9 November 2015
Hon Peter Dexter AM	Present
Mr Kevin Sumption	Present
Mr Shane Simpson AM	Present
Hon Peter Collins AM, QC	Present
Hon Ian Campbell	Present
Hon Margaret White AO	Present
RADM Stuart Mayer	Present
Mr Robert Clifford AO	Present

5. The Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum deals with conflicts of interest in accordance with the requirements of section 29 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and Part 2.2, Division 2 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*.
6. Nil.
7. The total remuneration paid to members of the Council of the Australian National Maritime Museum, excluding the ex-officio members, in the period 14 September 2015 to 8 February 2016 was \$73,709.71. Two of the four annual payments to Councillors were made during this period.
8. N/A.
9. No.
10. Nil.
11. \$867.20.

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National Film and Sound Archive

1. The NFSA Board met three times. Meetings were held on: 24 September 2015, 26 November 2015 and 9 February 2016.
2. \$6,427.21 (excluding GST) has been spent on travel for Board members.
3. Average attendance has been 93%.
4. See table below:

Board Member	24 September 2015	26 November 2015	9 February 2016
Gabrielle Trainor (Chair)	✓	✓	✓
Wayne Denning (Deputy Chair)	✓	✓	✘ (Apology)
Toni Cody	✓	✓	✓
Peter Rose	✓	✓	✓
Paul Neville	✓	✓	✓

5. This matter is covered in the Board Charter and Governance Policy.

All Board members complete an annual conflict of interest declaration. Declaration of meeting-specific conflicts of interest is a standing agenda item for all Board meetings. Where a Board member is deemed to have a real, or perceived, conflict of interest, they must be excused from deliberations on the issue where a conflict of interest arose.

6. See table below:

Board Member declarations at meetings	24 September 2015	26 November 2015	9 February 2016
Gabrielle Trainor (Chair)	0	1	1
Wayne Denning (Deputy Chair)	0	0	0
Toni Cody	0	0	0
Peter Rose	0	0	0
Paul Neville	1	1	1

7. \$66,975.74.
8. The Board Charter and Governance Policy does not set an attendance requirement.
9. No.
10. Nil.
11. \$1,569.69 (excluding GST) total has been spent on catering for Board meetings. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

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National Gallery of Australia

1. The National Gallery of Australia Council met on two occasions.
2. To attempt to provide the level of detail requested would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.
3. Eight.
4. See table below:

Name	25 November	24 February
Mr Allan Myers AC	Yes	Yes
Dr Gerard Vaughan AM	Yes	Yes
Mr John Hindmarsh AM	Yes	Yes
Mr Tim Fairfax AC	Yes	Yes
Mr Warwick Hemsley	Yes	Yes
Mrs Rhonda White AO	Yes	Yes
Mr John Calvert-Jones AM	Yes	No
Mr Jason Yeap OAM	Yes	Yes
Mr Ezekiel Solomon AM	Yes	Yes
Mrs Jane Hylton	Yes	Yes

5. Council members are required to declare any conflicts of interest.
6. None.
7. \$136,808.33
8. Council members can only be dismissed by the Minister.
9. No.
10. Mr John Calvert-Jones AM.
11. Providing the level of detail requested from the Gallery would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.

National Library of Australia

1. The National Library of Australia Council met three times.
2. \$25,719.56 (GST exclusive - includes flights and travel allowance payments, excluding lunch on Council day).
- 3-4. See below table:

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Councillor	Meetings attended
Mr Ryan Stokes	3
Ms Deborah Thomas	3
Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM	3
Ms Jane Hemstritch	2
Dr Nonja Peters	3
The Hon. Mary Delahunty	3
Dr Nicholas Gruen	2
Mr John M Green	3
Senator Zed Seselja	2
Mr Thomas Bradley QC	3
Mr Laurie Ferguson MP	3
Total	30
Average	10

5. An Identification of Conflicts of Interest register is maintained, updated and included as a standard agenda item at bi-monthly Council meetings.
6. Most of the interests listed on the Identification of Conflicts of Interest register have no direct relationship with the Library. There is one individual who performs consulting in the literary sector and one individual who has a relationship with public libraries in a role as Councillor of a Municipal Council.
7. Remuneration has been paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2015/20 Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-Time Public Office. Note that parliamentary members and the executive member are not entitled to and do not receive remuneration.
8. The National Library Act 1960 - Section 14 and the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 - Section 30 set out the termination of office process.
9. No.
10. Nil.
11. Total catering costs were \$4,014.54 (GST exclusive) and include costs for officials and other visitors attending the meeting including for working lunches.
 - a. Cost breakdown:
 - i. October 2015 - \$1,486.36 (GST exclusive)
 - ii. December 2015 - \$1,089.09 (GST exclusive)
 - iii. February 2016 - \$1,436.09 (GST exclusive).

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National Museum of Australia

1. The Council of the National Museum of Australia met once during this period, on 3 December 2015.
2. \$5,008 (GST Excl.).
3. N/A.
4. Details of the Council's membership is available on the Agency's website. One member of Council was unable to attend the 3 December 2015 meeting.
5. Declaration of interests is a standing agenda item for each Council meeting.
6. No conflicts of interest have been registered.
7. The *National Museum of Australia Act 1980* (the NMA Act) provides for members of the Council to be paid such remuneration as is determined by the Remuneration Tribunal. The applicable annual rate for part time office holders is set out in Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2015/20.
8. Council members (other than the Director) are appointed (and appointments may be terminated) by the Governor-General in accordance with the provisions of the NMA Act.
9. No, not to the Museum's knowledge.
10. N/A.
11. Lunch \$644 (GST Excl).

National Portrait Gallery

1. The Board met on 8 October 2015, 15 October 2015, 11 December 2015 and 19 February 2016. Committees of the Board met on 1 October 2015, 7 December 2015, 16 December 2016 and 9 March 2016.
2. Total travel expenses for the reporting period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016 are \$9,047.
3. All available Board Members.
4. Members and attendance:
 - Dr H Nugent AO – all.
 - Mr Sidney Myer AM – all.
 - Ms Jillian Broadbent AO – all.
 - Ms Yasmin Allen – absent 8 October 2015.
 - Mr Pat Corrigan AM – absent due to illness 8 and 15 October 2015.
 - Mr Alan Dodge AM – from reappointment on 21 January 2016 – 1.

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5. Each Board Member provides a standing declaration which is updated at each meeting.
6. Mr Corrigan has indicated his interest in Asean Cargo. Mr Myer has indicated his interest in the Sidney Myer Fund and Asialink.
7. Board Members are remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2015/08.
8. N/A.
9. No.
10. N/A.
11. Total catering costs for the reporting period 14 September 2015 to 9 February 2016 are \$1,936. All costs are associated with lunch provided at Board meetings mentioned at Q1.

The Museum of Australian Democracy

1 -11.N/A.