

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Agency - Fair Work Building & Construction

Department of Employment Question No. EM0390_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

FWBC - Boards

"1. Since September Additional Estimates in February, 2014; a. how often has each board met, break down by board name; b. what travel expenses are provided; c. what is the average attendance at board meetings; d. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; e. what conflicts of interest have been registered; f. what remuneration is provided to board members; g. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? h. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served"

Answer

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014:

- a) The FWBC Advisory Board met on nil occasions.
- b) Members are entitled to travel allowance in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2012/18: Official Travel by Office Holders – Schedule A, Tier 2.
- c) Nil response. No meetings in that time period.
- d) Members must clearly indicate to the Chair if they have any conflicts of interest with any matters brought forward on the agenda. Where such conflicts arise, members will disclose the same to the Advisory Board for it to be recorded in the minutes.
- e) Nil response. No meetings in that time period.
- f) Members are paid remuneration in accordance with Category 3 of clause 2.3 of the Remuneration Tribunal rates and allowances for holders of unspecified part time offices.
- g) Members are appointed by the Minister. Any decision to dismiss Board members who do not meet attendance standards would be made by the Minister.
- h) No
- i) Nil response. No meetings in that time period.

Catering costs for the meeting held this year is \$135.20. No alcohol was served.