

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Treasury Portfolio

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26 February 2014

Question: AET 2394

Topic: Boards (NCC)

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Senator LUDWIG asked:

2394. For Departments and Agencies with Boards, Since September 7th 2013;

- 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 September 7, 2013?
- 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:

2394a. National Competition Council - two meetings

2394b. Nil

2394c. 100%

2394d. Annual statement of interests provided. Council members advise potential conflicts when particular matter considered. Where Council agrees there is a potential conflict member does not participate.

2394e. No conflicts identified since 7 September 2013

2394f. See Remuneration Tribunal determination

2394g. The NCC does not have power to dismiss members

2394h. Not applicable

2394i. None

2394j. \$153.30 incl GST. Alcohol not served.