

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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26 February 2014

Question: AET 2817

Topic: Boards (AASB)

Written: 5 March 2014

Senator LUDWIG asked:

2817. For Department and Agencies with Boards, since September 7th 2013;
- how often has each board met, break down by board name
 - what travel expenses are provided.
 - what is the average attendance at board meetings
 - how does the board deal with conflict of interest
 - what conflicts of interest have been registered
 - what remuneration is provided to board members
 - how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards
 - have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013
 - please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
 - what have caterings costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.

Answer:

2817. a TF meetings (2 @2 days and 1@ 1 day)
- airfares, accommodation plus incidentals (breakfast, Wi-Fi, diner), taxis to/from airports or parking
 - 85%
 - members are asked to declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of each meeting and this is recorded in the minutes, which are made publicly available. The Board conducts its technical discussions in public
 - None for the relevant period
 - Remuneration Tribunal Sitting fee 2013 - \$923.00 per day; Sitting fee – 2014 \$945.00 per day
 - Peer reviews are conducted annually. Members are appointed by the FRC and the FRC has the power to dismiss members
 - No
 - Mr Roger Sexton (retired 31/12/13)
Mr Ian McPhee
 - \$466 (net) average cost per meeting
no alcohol served

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 - 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 caterings costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.

Answer:

2817. a. 4 meetings (1 day meetings)
- b. airfares, accommodation plus incidentals (breakfast, Wi-Fi, diner), taxis to/from airports or parking. From 2014 AUASB board meetings start at 10am instead of 9am so only 1 member from Perth requires accommodation
 - c. 96.15%
 - d. members are asked to declare any conflicts of interest at the beginning of each meeting and this is recorded in the minutes, which are made publicly available. The Board conducts its technical discussions in public
 - e. None for the relevant period
 - f. Remuneration Tribunal Sitting fee 2013 - \$923.00 per day; Sitting fee – 2014 \$945.00 per day
 - g. Peer reviews are conducted annually. Members are appointed by the FRC and the FRC has the power to dismiss members
 - h. No
 - i. Nil
 - j. \$330 (net) average cost per meeting
no alcohol served