

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee —Budget Estimates Hearing—May 2014

Answers to Questions on Notice

Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services

Topic: **Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)**

Question: **246**

Written: **Senator Ludwig**

Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 11 July 2014

Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014;

1. how often has each board met, break down by board name;
2. what travel expenses are provided;
3. what is the average attendance at board meetings;
4. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;
5. what conflicts of interest have been registered;
6. what remuneration is provided to board members;
7. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?
8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since Additional Estimates in February, 2014?
9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
10. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;

Answer

The following answers are for the period 24 February to 30 June 2014.

1. Parliamentary Information and Communications Advisory Board (PICTAB) – 1 meeting.
Security Management Board (SMB) – 4 meetings.
Heritage Advisory Board (HAB) – 2 meetings.
2. PICTAB – Nil.
SMB – Nil.
HAB – Nil.
3. PICTAB – 62%
SMB – 100%
HAB – 100%
4. PICTAB – Not applicable.
SMB – Not applicable.
HAB – Parliamentary Service Code of Conduct and Values.
5. PICTAB – Nil.
SMB – Nil.
HAB – Nil.
6. PICTAB – Nil.
SMB – Not applicable.
HAB – Nil.
7. PICTAB – Not applicable.
SMB – Not applicable.
HAB – Board terms of reference allows for an alternative to be nominated, but does not address dismissal.

8. PICTAB – No.
SMB – No.
HAB – No.
9. PICTAB – Only one meeting has been held since February 2014. Members not present were: Mr Sedgwick, Senator Ludlum and Mr Husic.
SMB – Nil.
HAB – Nil.
10. PICTAB - Nil. Alcohol is not served.
SMB – Nil. Alcohol is not served.
HAB. Nil Alcohol is not served.