

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** Cross Outcome - Across Programs

**Question No:** 125

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

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Ludwig** asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:

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.

**Answer:**

Responses for the board in the Social Services portfolio for which the Commonwealth appoints all or the majority of members are as follows:

**National Disability Insurance Agency Board**

1. The National Disability Insurance Agency Board (the Board) held five meetings between 1 June 2014 and 31 August 2014.
2. Travel expenses are provided to Board members in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2013/16.
3. As at 31 August 2014, the average attendance at Board meetings since 1 June 2014 was 92.5 per cent.
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<b>Board member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Meetings attended</b>
Bruce Bonyhady AM	Chair	5
Rhonda Galbally AO	Member	5
Geraldine Harwood	Member	5
John Hill PSM	Member	5
Glenn Keys	Member	3
Martin Laverty	Member	4
Fiona Payne	Member	5
John Walsh AM	Member	5

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5. The Board handles conflicts of interest in accordance with the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) and the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act).
6. Board members have provided standing notice of all interests, including those which are not a material personal interest, as required by the PGPA Act. This register is available at [www.ndis.gov.au/document/927](http://www.ndis.gov.au/document/927).
7. Board members are paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal Determination 2014/08.
8. The termination of Board members is governed by section 134 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*.
9. No.
10. Nil.
11. Catering costs from 1 June to 31 August 2014 are \$1,073.69 (GST exclusive):
  - a. Board meeting, 18 June 2014: \$168.19;
  - b. Board meeting, 23 July: \$449.75; and
  - c. Board meeting, 21 August: \$455.75.