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Question No: 171(j)

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Hansard Ref: Written, 19/02/2016

Topic: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)

Senator Ludwig, Joe asked:

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

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:

1. The Creative Partnerships Australia Board has met twice since 14 September.
2. Creative Partnerships incurred \$2135 in board related travel expenses between 14 Sep and 29 Feb.
3. Attendance at the two Board meetings since 14 Sep was 87% or 13 attendances out of 15 eligible attendances.
4. Creative Partnerships Australia Board attendance for the 24 February meeting was as follows: C. Schwartz AM (Chair), S. Meers (Deputy Chair), R Garnon, R Myer AO, B Torossi, S Street, M. Smith, D. Rosen. Creative Partnerships Australia Board attendance for the 17 September meeting was as follows: C. Schwartz AM (Chair), S. Meers (Deputy Chair), R Garnon, R Myer AO, B Torossi.

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5. The Creative Partnerships' Board declares conflicts of interest at the commencement of each meeting; these conflicts are noted, minuted and recorded in the Register of Directors' Conflicts of Interest.
6. Creative Partnerships' Directors register conflicts, and perceived conflicts, of interest in instances where they are related to, or have an association with, a Creative Partnerships' funding applicant or recipient.
7. Creative Partnerships' Directors are remunerated under the Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973.
8. Creative Partnerships's Directors do not appoint or dismiss board members.
9. No requests have been made to the Minister to dismiss board members.
10. No Creative Partnerships' Director has attended fewer than 51% of meetings.
11. Catering costs for Board meetings held during this period was \$207