

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 670**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

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

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since 25 February 2014;

- 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 25 February 2014?
  - i. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
  - ii. What have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served;

**Answer:**

The Department of Communications does not have a board.