

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Agency: AIATSIS

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000444

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

AIATSIS: Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)

Question

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

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has provided the following response.

1. AIATSIS Council (the only board in the organisation) has met once in the specified time period.
2. \$1898.00 travel allowance, \$9628.51 flight fares and \$4004.00 accommodation.
3. 90 per cent
4. Professor Mick Dodson
Emeritus Professor Bob Tonkinson
Ms Jodie Sizer
Professor John Maynard
Professor Cindy Shannon
Ms Donisha Duff
Mr Kado Muir
Mr Geoffrey Winters
Apologies were given from Ms Rachel Perkins
5. Board members must complete an annual declaration of private interests form; there is a conflict of interest register and also a standing agenda item at every council meeting to declare any potential conflict. Where appropriate, members absent themselves from discussion of agenda items.
6. Nil

7. Sitting fees = \$13,450.00 – paid in accordance with Remuneration Tribunal determinations.
8. In accordance with the AIATSIS Act: *No.149 of 1989 -as amended - part 5 division 2 sections 21.*
9. None
10. \$848.00