

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

#### **Cross Portfolio**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-000358**

**Senator Ludwig provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Boards**

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**

Responses for each board in the Employment portfolio are listed below.

Asbestos Safety and Eradication Council – refer to EMSQ16-000248

Board of the Coal Mining Industry (Long Service leave Funding) Corporation – see Attachment A

Fair Work Building Industry Advisory Board – refer to EMSQ16-000491

Fair Work Commission – refer to EMSQ16-000658

Fair Work Ombudsman – refer to EMSQ16-000496

National Workplace Relations Consultative Council – see Attachment B

Safe Work Australia – refer to EMSQ16-000624

Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission – refer to EMSQ16-000299

Seafarers Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission – refer to EMSQ16-000299

Workplace Gender Equality Agency – refer to EMSQ16-000426

**Board of the Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation**

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

Question Number	Response**
1. How often has each board met? break down by board name	The Board met on 6 October 2015 and 16 December 2015 during the specified period.
2. What travel expenses have been incurred?	6 October 2015      \$ 7302 16 December 2015    \$ 6947
3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings?	6 October 2015      100% 16 December 2015    100%
4. List each member's attendance at meetings.	<u>6 October 2015</u> Arthur Weston (Chair) Andrew Vickers (Deputy Chair) Glenn Hall Brad Neven Martin Aicken  <u>16 December 2015</u> Arthur Weston (Chair) Andrew Vickers (Deputy Chair) Glenn Hall Brad Neven Martin Aicken
5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest?	Call for declarations at the commencement of a Board meeting
6. What conflicts of interest have been registered?	Nil
7. What remuneration has been provided to board members?	<u>6 October 2015</u> Arthur Weston (Chair) \$ 717 Andrew Vickers (Deputy Chair) \$ 538 Glenn Hall \$ 538 Brad Neven \$ 538 Martin Aicken \$ 538  <u>16 December 2015</u> Arthur Weston (Chair) \$ 717 Andrew Vickers (Deputy Chair) \$ 538 Glenn Hall \$ 538 Brad Neven \$ 538 Martin Aicken \$ 538
8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?	<i>The Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave) Administration Act 1992</i> does not contain provisions on attendance standards. The Board holds discussions with the nominating body when a Director's attendance is in question.
9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?	No

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10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings.	Nil
11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	<p>6 October 2015 \$160 (20 sandwiches for Directors and other meeting participants)</p> <p>16 December 2015 \$ 128 (16 sandwiches for Directors and other meeting participants)</p>

\*\*Response relates to board meetings between 14 September 2015 and 19 February 2016.

**National Workplace Relations Consultative Council**

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

Question Number	Response**
1. How often has each board met, break down by board name?	The National Workplace Relations Consultative Council met once on 4 December 2015.
2. What travel expenses have been incurred?	The 4 December 2015 meeting was held in Canberra – there were no secretariat travel expenses.
3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings?	Twelve people (including observers) attended the meeting on 4 December 2015.
4. List each member's attendance at meetings.	4 December 2015 Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash (Chair) Mr Michael Borowick Mr Richard Clancy Ms Susan Hopgood Ms Megan Kirchner Ms Sarah McKinnon Mr Dave Oliver Mr Innes Willox
5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest?	The purpose of the Council is to provide, in the public interest, a regular and organized means by which representatives of the Government of the Commonwealth, of employers and of employees, and, when the Minister considers it appropriate, representatives of other persons, bodies and organisations may consult together on workplace relations matters of national concern.  <i>The National Workplace Relations Consultative Council Act 2002</i> does not contain provisions in relation to conflict of interest.  To the knowledge of the Secretariat, there has not been a situation where a conflict of interest has arisen.
6. What conflicts of interest have been registered?	N/A
7. What remuneration has been provided to board members?	No remuneration has been provided to members.
8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?	<i>The National Workplace Relations Consultative Council Act 2002</i> does not contain provisions on attendance standards.
9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members?	No
10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings.	Since 14 September 2015, there has been one meeting of the Council. The following members were apologies for the 4 December 2015 meeting: Mr Scott Connolly

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	Mr Gerard Dwyer Mr Dick Grozier Ms Ged Kearney Mr Steve Knott Mr Mark Lennon
11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.	<u>4 December 2015</u>  \$190.00   Sandwiches and fruit

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