

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**BUDGET ESTIMATES 2014-2015**

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

**Outcome/Program:**

Outcome 1. Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

**Topic:** Boards

**Senator:** Senator Ludwig

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**Type of question:** Written

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**Question:**

- (1) Since Additional Estimates in 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 Additional Estimates in February 2014?
  - i. please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
  - j. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.

**Answer:**

- (1) The Office does not have any boards.