Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Additional Estimates 24-28 February 2014

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department/Agency: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome/Program: 1.1 Prime Minister and Cabinet

Topic: Boards - Indigenous Affairs All Agency

Senator: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig **Question reference number:** 199

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Question:

Since September 7th 2013;

- 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name;
- 2. what travel expenses are provided;
- 3. what is the average attendance at board meetings;
- 4. how does the board deal with conflict of interest;
- 5. what conflicts of interest have been registered;
- 6. what remuneration is provided to board members;
- 7. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?
- 8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013?
- 9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings
- 10. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served.

Answer:

To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of limited agency resources. Certain information in relation to the Boards of the Indigenous Affairs agencies within the portfolio can be located in their Annual Reports, which are publicly available on each of their websites.