

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES (ADDITIONAL HEARINGS) 2013-2014

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 7 September 2013:
- 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 7 September 2013?
 - 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.