

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Budget Estimates Hearing 26 May - 27 May 2008



Question: PM119a & b

Outcome 1, Output 2.3

Topic: Social Inclusion Board – selection of members

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: In relation to the Social Inclusion Board, you mentioned that only 6 of the 14 Board members were selected from the 280 people who expressed interest in the positions and the remainder were appointed by the Prime Minister. Which six Board members were selected from the 280 expressions of interest?

Answer:

Six of the Board's 14 members submitted an expression of interest:

- Dr Ron Edwards;
- Mr Ahmed Fahour;
- Dr John Falzon;
- Mr Tony Nicholson;
- Professor Tony Vinson; and
- Ms Linda White.

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Question: PM119c

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Topic: Credentials of the Board members

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: What are the credentials relevant to the Board of the 8 members appointed by the Prime Minister?

Answer: Board members were selected by the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to balance areas of expertise and interest, community networks and/or entrepreneurial skills across the membership of the Board.

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Question: PM119d

Outcome 1, Output 2.3

Topic: Consideration of the appointment of 8 members of the Social Inclusion

Board by Cabinet

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: Why weren't these appointments considered by Cabinet?

Answer: Appointments to the Board were approved by the Prime Minister. Consideration by Cabinet of non-statutory appointments is at the Prime Minister's discretion.

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Question: PM119e

Outcome 1, Output 2.3

Topic: Consideration of appointments to the Social Inclusion Board by Cabinet in the future

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: Will appointments to the Social Inclusion Board be considered by Cabinet in the future?

Answer: Consideration by Cabinet of non-statutory appointments is at the discretion of the Prime Minister.

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Question: PM119f

Outcome 1, Output 2.3

Topic: Remuneration of Social Inclusion Board members

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: What remuneration will Social Inclusion Board members receive for their involvement on the Board?

Answer: Remuneration rates are set by the Remuneration Tribunal. In Determination 2008/01,

per diem rates for Board members were set at:

- Chair - \$645 per day
- Member - \$509 per day

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Question: PM119g

Outcome 1, Output 2.3

Topic: Determination of remuneration of Social Inclusion Board members

Hansard Page: Written Question

Senator Minchin asked: Has this remuneration been determined after discussion with the Remuneration Tribunal?

Answer: Yes. See answer to Question on Notice PM119f.