

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates May 2017

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 229

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Topic: Safety Record - Visibility

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked:

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you very much. I might put a couple more questions about that on notice. Just on your safety record, I was concerned when you were unable to give answers about the oversight of subcontractors of subcontractors of subcontractors and to the questions that Senator Urquhart was asking. What visibility do you have of the injuries and safety issues or concerns?

Mr Morrow: We are required to report all injuries—high-potential, medical time-related injuries and long-term injuries.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide on notice a report on that.

Mr Morrow: Yes, we can.

Senator O'NEILL: And the remediation that is happening, and any detail about what is happening to the people who have been caught up in it.

Mr Morrow: We can.

Answer:

For the 81 contractor injuries reported in FY2017, 73 have been resolved and closed out as of 14 June 2017, with the remainder still under investigation or pending the completion of agreed corrective actions.

A full report is provided in the table below.

nbN also notes that over the last few years, the Commonwealth Safety Regulator has reviewed nbN's contractor management processes on a number of occasions. Each time, the Regulator satisfied itself that nbN is meeting its safety obligations, and had concluded that no improvement notice was required to be issued to nbN.

nbN Contractor Incidents and Injuries*

Metric	Definition	FY2017 Performance to 30 May 2017
Contractor Total Recordable Injuries	Fatalities	0
	Permanent Disabling Injuries	0
	Lost Time Injuries	16

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Metric	Definition	FY2017 Performance to 30 May 2017
	Medical Treatment Injuries	50
	Restricted Work Injuries	15
Contractor Total Recordable Injury Frequency rate	Total number of contractor and sub-contractor Recordable Injuries per million hours worked as a 12 month rolling average.	3.82
Contractor High Potential Incident Frequency rate	Total number of contractor and sub-contractor High Potential Incidents*** and Near Misses per million hours worked as a 12 month rolling average.	2.59