

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
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Question No: 333

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Hansard Ref: Written, 27/06/2017

Topic: International Travel – QON217

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

In response to UK travel outline in the response to QON 217 from Additional Estimates:

Question No: 217

NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017

Topic: International Travel – Executive Manager of Corporate Affairs

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please set out costs incurred by the NBN Executive General Manager of Corporate Affairs, for the period 1 July 2015 to present, for international travel. Please include:

- (a) The country destination of each trip
- (b) Stopovers and leg's on the trip
- (c) The reason for the trip
- (d) All flight and accommodation costs incurred by the Executive General Manager of Corporate Affairs

Answer:

As at 28 February 2017:

Destination Country	Stopovers	Reason	Flight & Accommodation costs
French Guiana	France	Part of a small group representing nbn and also to manage media at Sky Muster launch	\$11,870
UK	USA	Partner/industry meetings with a particular focus on negotiating introduction of internal communications platform	\$15,010.28
Singapore	N/A	Manage media for CEO speaking engagement at CommunicAsia	\$5,975

Please advise:

- (a) How many days were spent in the USA? And in which cities?
- (b) How many days were spent in the US? And in which cities?
- (c) What partner/industry meetings took place in the USA?
- (d) What partner/industry meetings took place in the USA?

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- (e) What internal communications platform was being introduced?
 - i. When was it introduced?
 - ii. What have been the total costs for the platform to date?
- (f) f. Could video conference have been used instead of international travel?
- (g) g. Were contracts for the communications platform physically signed in the US or UK?

Answer:

- (a) 2 nights in Washington DC; 3 nights in New York city
- (b) See above
- (c) Meetings with various private and government companies and organisations, including Facebook, GE, Citigroup, Centre for American Progress, United Nations, and Public Affairs Council.
- (d) See above
- (e) WorkPlace, which is a business variant of Facebook.
 - i. 7 July 2016
 - ii. \$0.00
- (f) No
- (g) No