

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 102

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Media Training

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:
 - a. Total spending on these services
 - b. an itemised cost breakdown of these services
 - c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
 - d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
 - e. The names of all service providers engaged
 - f. the location that this training was provided
2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - e. The total amount spent on the service
 - f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a. The location used
 - b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

- 1-3. NBN Co's education expenses for the period 1 September 2013 to 28 February 2014 amounted to \$4,839,303. This includes all training associated with on boarding of new staff/contractors/construction partners, compliance briefing, technical accreditations, safety, IT systems/processes along with leadership, media and management course expenses. To disaggregate particular items of expenditure across the entire company or to provide the level of detail requested would be very resource intensive and is considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.