

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: 107

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Travel Costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
2. What travel is planned for the rest of the calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel?

Answer:

1. NBN Co has a formal travel approval process which requires travellers to seek approval prior to booking hotels, cars and air travel. The reason for the travel covers a range of requirements associated with a national infrastructure project like the NBN. Total travel costs for the period plus the functional classifications are detailed below:

	September 2013 to February 2014				
	Air	Hotel	Transport	Meals & Entertainment	Total Travel Expenditure
Grand Total	2,578,271	1,425,664	1,414,891	450,946	5,869,772

2. Travel planned for the rest of the calendar year is not available as the 2014/15 budget is still being finalised. However, the expected spend for the remainder of the financial year 2013/14 is set out below.

	ROFY March 2014 to June 2014				
	Air	Hotel	Transport	Meals & Entertainment	Total Travel Expenditure
Grand Total	2,882,457	1,414,143	1,069,541	530,124	5,896,265