

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: 133

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Christmas party costs

Senator Ludwig asked:

List what functions were held by the Department/Agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013

1. What was the cost of each of these functions?
2. How was the money identified?
3. What was the location of these functions?
4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function

Answer:

1. All end of year celebrations are managed and organised by individual departments and teams. The company allocated a budget of up to \$40 per employee to primarily cover the expense of food and/or venues. A breakdown of the cost and location of each function is not possible as the functions are organised at a department and team level.
2. Managers are required to claim the expense for the function stating the number of employees that attended. The claim is limited to \$40 per employee.
3. Refer answer to question (1) above.
4. Refer answer to question (1) above.