

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates February 2017**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 159**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 10/03/2017**

**Topic: NBN Co send Police to raid Malcolm Turnbull's political opponents**

**Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:**

1. Please provide a fully itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for external legal services procured by NBN Co in relation to the investigation of alleged leaks by NBN Co staff to the Opposition and the subsequent AFP raids.
2. Provide the same information in relation to the costs of internal and external security and investigation staff.

**Answer:**

The topic listed for these questions is erroneous. nbn does not have any authority to direct the activities of the Australian Federal Police.

1. nbn has responded to QoN 158 in relation to its total legal and regulatory support services spend for the 2016 calendar year. Itemised accounts for external legal services are confidential and subject to legal professional privilege.
2. See 1) above. Further, nbn has not separately costed the work of internal staff on these matters.