

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: 184

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Topic: NBN Chairman – Travel

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. What is the total cost of flights for the Ziggy Switkowski's domestic travel since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd?
2. What is the total cost of flights for Mr Switkowski's international travel since he took office?
3. How many international flights has Mr Switkowski taken since he took office? To what countries? Please provide dates.
4. What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Mr Switkowski's international travel since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd?
5. What hotels has he stayed at when travelling overseas?
6. What is the total cost of ground transport in relation to Mr Switkowski's travel since he took office?

Answer:

Note: The responses provided below cover the period from Dr Switkowski's appointment as Executive Chairman of nbn on 3 October 2013 to 28 February 2014. Dr Switkowski's role as Executive Chairman ceased on 1 April 2014 following the appointment of the Chief Executive Office, Mr Bill Morrow, effective 2 April 2014.

Dr Switkowski became Chairman of nbn effective 2 April 2014.

1. \$92,441.80
2. \$13,058.07
3. Dr Switkowski flew from Melbourne to French Guiana via Paris return in order to represent nbn at the Launch of the Sky Muster satellite. Outbound travel departed Melbourne for France on 27 September 2015 and France for French Guiana on 29 September 2015. Inbound travel departed French Guiana for France on 1 October 2015 and France for Melbourne on 2 October 2015.
4. \$989.27
5. Grand Hotel Saint Michel, France and Hôtel des Roches, French Guiana
6. \$32,610.87