

**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:190**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017**

**Topic: Authoring of materials**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. Has NBN Co (or any contractor to NBN Co) authored or materially contributed to articles which appeared in non-NBN Co publications during the past 12 months without explicit acknowledgment of their source, or under the names of outside parties? If so, please provide a list of the articles and when and where they appeared.
2. Has NBN Co (or any contractor to NBN Co) contributed research to articles which appeared in non-NBN Co publications? If so, please provide a list of the articles and when and where they appeared.

**Answer:**

1. nbn is requested on occasion by third parties to contribute information to a variety of publications. Whether or not we are explicitly acknowledged as a source is a matter for the author of the article.
2. nbn has commissioned a number of research studies in the past 12 months, which have been referenced extensively in media coverage. To provide a breakdown of all articles that included research contributed by nbn would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.