

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Additional Estimates Hearing February 2017

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 200

NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: Written, 14/3/2017

Topic: Flights paid for journalists by NBN Co

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Has NBN Co sponsored journalists to attend and cover events and announcements by paying for their airfares and/or accommodation?

(a) If so, how many journalists

(b) Which news outlet did they work for? And what was the total cost? Please break down for the following periods.

- FY 2013-14
- FY 2014-15
- FY 2015-16
- FY 2016-17 to date

Answer:

Due to a number of internal restructures in the Corporate Affairs team and changes to records management we are unable to provide the requested information for FY2013-14 and FY2014-15. The process to review and identify any relevant instances is a time consuming piece of work and considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Refer table below for details relating to FY2015-16 and FY16-17 to date.

Financial year	No. of journalists	News outlets	Total cost
FY 2015-16	11	The Australian Sydney Morning Herald news.com.au Commsday ZDNet Computerworld ITNews ITWire Crikey The Register Freelance	\$4,800
FY 2016-17	13	The Mercury The Examiner APN	\$9,500

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