

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 242

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Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017

Topic: Staff

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please provide the following information on NBN's headcount and budget as of 1 March 2017:

- (a) How many staff does NBN currently employ?
- (b) Does this include contractors? If no, please provide a separate figure for contractors.
 - i. Separate into contractors who are boots on the ground and not boots on the ground.
- (c) What is the current head count for NBN's corporate affairs and public relations functions?
 - i. Please break down by employment band.
- (d) How many staff work in the companies IT departments?
- (e) What budget has been allocated for NBN's corporate affairs for the 2016-17 financial year?

Answer:

- (a) As at 23rd March 2017, the internal workforce comprised of:

Employees	5699
Temporary Staff Augmentation (contractors)	919
Total internal workforce	6618

One of the strategies adopted by nbn to optimise its workforce is to engage individuals under fit for purpose employment instruments. Where a piece of work is short term in nature and requires a highly specialist skill set then Temporary Staff Augmentation (TSA = contractors) are engaged.

- (b) The total internal workforce includes employees and contractors working internally; not counting boots on the ground.
- (c) 45 as at 28 March 2017. This includes corporate communications, state corporate affairs, employee communications, consumer and social media, government relations, head of function and administrative.

Refer table below for breakdown by employee band.

Employee band	Number
B	1
C	5

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D	36
E	3
Total	45

(d) 713 staff work in nbn IT departments

(e) \$19.38m including salaries.