

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Spill-over hearing March 2017**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 330**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 03/04/2017**

**Topic: NBN Ministerials**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**NBN Ministerials – 2016**

1. How many NBN related pieces of Ministerial correspondence did the Department process in 2016?  
Please break down by month.

**NBN Ministerials - 2015**

1. How many NBN related pieces of Ministerial correspondence did the Department process in 2015?

**NBN Ministerials – 2014**

1. How many NBN related pieces of Ministerial correspondence did the Department process in 2014?

**Answer:**

**NBN Ministerials – 2016**

1. 2597\*
2. The Parliamentary Workflow System does not readily record the data requested and to attempt to identify this information would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

**NBN Ministerials – 2015**

1. 1420\*

**NBN Ministerials – 2014**

1. The Department of Communications and the Arts transitioned to the whole-of-government Parliamentary Workflow Solution in January 2015, therefore this information is not available to be reported on.

*\* The numbers reported reflect the number of items of correspondence with the acronym 'nbn' or the phrase "National Broadband Network" in the title.*

*The Department may have received and responded to a small number of additional items of correspondence that either directly or indirectly related to nbn that did not have the acronym 'nbn' or the phrase 'National Broadband Network' in the title. Manually searching for these additional items of correspondence in the system would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.*