

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 351

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Travel costs - department

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Since 25 February 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).
2. Since 25 February 2014, detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.
3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.

Answer:

1. Not applicable.
2. NBN Co has a formal travel approval process which requires travellers to seek approval prior to booking hotels, cars and air travel. The reason for the travel is required to be provided to the travel approver. The functional classifications of travel (i.e. airfare, rental cars and accommodation) are set out below:

Travel expenses excluding (entertainment and fleet costs) for the period 1 March 2014¹ to 31 May 2014.

	March 2014 to May 2014				Total Travel Expenditure
	Air	Hotel	Transport	Meals & Entertainment	
Grand Total	1,500,461	874,474	780,488	275,898	3,431,322

3. Travel expenses forecasted (excluding entertainment and fleet costs) for the rest of the financial year² (1 June 2014 to 30 June 2014) as per table below.

	ROFY 1 June to 30 June 2014				Total Travel Expenditure
	Air	Hotel	Transport	Meals & Entertainment	
Grand Total	725,119	359,039	272,301	130,287	1,486,745

¹ Travel expenditure from 1 March 2014 has been disclosed in order to align with the NBN Co Limited month end reporting process.

² Forecasted travel expenditure between 1 June 2014 and 30 June 2014 has been disclosed in order to align with the NBN Co financial year. Travel budget for the rest of the calendar year is currently not available.