

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 135**

**Program No. NBN Co**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Existing Resources Program**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:

1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each
3. List the staffing assigned to each task
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

**Answer:**

1.-5. As has been widely reported, there has been a significant change in direction for NBN Co as a result of changes in government policy. NBN Co is moving toward a more flexible deployment approach whereby the company can utilise a wider range of technology types in various locations. As the change affects almost all parts of the company, it would be an unreasonable diversion of resources to list each piece of work and the associated resources, equipment and staff changes.