

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 147

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contracts for Temporary Staff

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?
2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed?
3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?
4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?
5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?

Answer:

1. \$5.85 million was spent on temporary or contractor staff either directly employed or paid via a third party labour hire company between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014.
2. NBN Co directly employed 60 temporary or contract staff between 1 July 2014 and 31 December 2014. The numbers of temporary or contract staff employed via third party labour hire arrangements is contained in the detailed invoices the company receives. It would be an unreasonable diversion of the company's resources to undertake this detailed analysis. NBN Co manages its non-permanent head count via budgetary control processes.
3. 64 temporary or contract staff were directly employed as at 31 December 2014. This does not include temporary staff that are employed via third party labour hire arrangements.
4. Nil
5. No