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Topic: NBN Co's advisory services spend

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

NBN Co's Annual Report 2015 indicates that NBN Co's advisory services spend rose from \$87 million in FY14 to \$112 million in FY2015.

- a) Please set out each line item, with description, firm and amount, for NBN's advisory services spend for FY2015.
- b) Please indicate the total cost of preparing the Corporate Plan 2016, including all payments to Bain & Company.

Answer:

- a) Advisory services include the following line items:

\$'000	FY2015	FY2014
Consulting Services	46,186	45,653
Negotiation, Legal and Regulatory	40,625	19,477
Outsourced services	25,623	21,466
Total	112,434	86,596

Providing a breakdown of costs by consultancy firm may prejudice current negotiations with consultants. This information is also commercial in confidence.

- b) The total cost of preparing the Corporate Plan 2016, inclusive of all internal and external costs, is not able to be reliably measured due to the significant internal labour incurred over a period of greater than 6 months. No record of the allocation of internal labour to the Corporate Plan was kept during this period.

The spend in relation to Bain & Company (included in the management consulting line above) for the full year FY2015 was \$22.8m. This includes services in support of the planning process for the Corporate Plan, along with other management consulting services.