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Topic: Satellite Launch -French Guiana

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

For the NBN Co satellite launch in French Guiana:

- (a) How many Australian journalists attended the launch in French Guiana?
- (b) Did NBN Co pay to fly and accommodate any of these journalists?
- (c) If so, which journalists, and what was the total cost incurred by NBN Co to bring these journalists to the launch?
- (d) How many NBN Co staff attended the launch?
- (e) What was the total hospitality cost incurred by NBN Co for the satellite launch, including all flights, accommodation, meals, transport and other costs incurred?

Answer:

- (a) Two
- (b) No
- (c) See answer (b)
- (d) Six **nbn** staff plus the chairman. Staff included members of the satellite engineering team who were in French Guiana for the necessary spacecraft preparation and launch readiness operations in the month leading to launch.
- (e) \$51,436.79