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Communications Portfolio NBN Co Limited

Question No: 130

NBN Co Limited

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Topic: Ziggy Switkowski functions

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ziggy Switkowski since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd, can the following please be provided:

- List of functions;
- List of attendees;
- Function venue;
- Itemised list of costs;
- Details of any food served;
- Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;
- Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and
- Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

Ziggy Switkowski occasionally hosts a board dinner on the evening preceding a board meeting. These are attended by directors, and some senior nbn personnel sometimes attend. The dinners are modest in terms of cost and do not involve entertainment or floral arrangements. nbn does not record the events in a way that would readily allow the production of itemised lists. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.