

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2016
Communications Portfolio
NBN Co Limited

Question No: 132

NBN Co Limited

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Topic: Chairman travel

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

1. What is the total cost of flights for the Ziggy Switkowski's domestic travel since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd?
2. What is the total cost of flights for Mr Switkowski's international travel since he took office?
3. Is Mr Switkowski permitted to travel in business class when flying domestically?
4. What class is Mr Switkowski permitted to travel in when flying internationally?
5. What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Mr Switkowski's domestic travel since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd? What hotels has he stayed at?
6. What is the total cost of hotel accommodation in relation to Mr Switkowski's international travel since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd? What hotels has he stayed at?
7. What is the total amount of Travelling Allowance paid to Mr Switkowski since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd?
8. What is the total cost of ground transport in relation to Mr Switkowski's travel since he took office?
9. Is Mr Switkowski entitled to use Comcar?
10. Is Mr Switkowski entitled to a privately-plated vehicle at Commonwealth expense?
11. What is the total cost of meals and other incidentals for Mr Switkowski since he took office as Chairman of NBN Co Ltd?
12. Is Mr Switkowski provided with a mobile telephone at Commonwealth expense?
13. If so, what is the total cost of Mr Switkowski's mobile telephone bills since he took office?
14. What type of mobile telephone has Mr Switkowski been provided with?
15. Has Mr Switkowski been provided with a laptop, ipad or other similar device?
16. Please provide an account of the staffing profile of the Chairman's office including:
 - (a) Number of staff;
 - (b) Position title for each staff member;
 - (c) APS level at which they are employed (eg APS5, EL1);
 - (d) Organisation chart.

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Answer:

To provide a breakdown of total costs under each of these questions is a time consuming piece of work and considered an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Travel related expenses for official business undertaken by the Chairman of the Board of nbn in his role as a director of nbn are paid by nbn in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal Determinations which are available at www.remtribunal.gov.au/offices/part-time-offices. Other reasonable costs, such as transfer costs, are paid by nbn.

Directors are not entitled to services/benefits such as Comcar or privately plated vehicles at the Commonwealth's expense.

nbn provides the Chairman with technology hardware considered necessary to enable him to fulfil his role as a Director.

There are no staff within the 'Chairman's office' at nbn.