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Topic: Industry Workforce - Training and Awareness campaigns spending

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

On 3 August 2015, nbn co announced plans to double the industry workforce to 9,000, committing \$40m for training and "awareness campaigns."

- a) As of the most recent date for which data is available, how much of this \$40m has been spent?
- b) How many of the additional 4,500 workers have been trained and are now on the job?
- c) How many of the additional workers trained and on the job are ex-Telstra linemen, and how many are new entrants to the market?

Answer:

- a) As at 29 February 2016, \$3,100,000 of the total has been spent.
- b) As at 15 March 2016, approximately 250 additional individuals of the total figure have undertaken nbn-funded cross-skilling and up-skill training. This figure represents workers now on the job.
- c) Due to additional workers being directly identified and recruited by nbn Delivery Partners, we are unable to confirm how many are specifically ex-Telstra linemen, and how many are new entrants to the market.