

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates February 2017**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 218**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017**

**Topic: Consultants**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
2. How many consultancies were undertaken in 2015-16? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (i.e. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.

**Answer:**

nbn regularly engages individual contractors and management consulting services as part of its commercial business operations. These suppliers are engaged on competitive and commercial in confidence terms. To provide further detail on these services may breach nbn's obligations of confidentiality and would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

1. The total value of consultants defined as 'management consulting fees', engaged this financial year to 31 March 2017 was \$35.0 million dollars (excluding GST).
2. The total value of consultants defined as 'management consulting fees' engaged in the 2015-16 financial year was \$41.3 million dollars. (excluding GST).