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Topic: Two business forums

Senator Moore, Claire asked:

Senator MOORE: Have you been involved in the two business forums that were held last year where a number of the big businesses in Australia were involved and sent delegates to discuss where, in fact, the SDGs could engage with business?

Mr Morrow: Do you recall which of those?

Senator MOORE: In September. There were two towards the end of 2016, both around that September/October period. I do not have the names of them but your friends in Australia Post took a very strong leadership role in both of them. I was just wondering whether NBN had been involved.

Mr Morrow: Without knowing the committees I do not want to falsely say.

Senator MOORE: You can put that on notice.

Mr Morrow: We can put that on notice, yes.

Answer:

nbn believes that Senator Moore was referring to the following forums:

1. Australian Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit: On the Road to Implementation - 7 September 2016
2. SDGA16: Australian Sustainable Development Goals Conference - 29 and 30 November 2016.

nbn did not attend these in an official capacity; however, we cannot confirm if employees attended of their own accord.

It is worth noting that the build of the nbn network contributes directly and substantially to SDG 9 – Industry, innovation and infrastructure – by bridging the digital divide. In addition, nbn has a number of work programs and initiatives in place that are informed by many external inputs, including the SDGs. Examples include our Diversity & Inclusion Program, and our Energy Saving Initiatives.