

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 209

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Salary of the Executive Chairman

Senator Urquhart asked:

What salary is the Executive Chairman being paid? At the committee hearing on 19 November Dr Switkowski advised what he had told the Minister he would work, but for how many hours each week since he was appointed has he attended the offices of NBN Co? How much has NBN Co paid in flights, accommodation and other travel related costs for the Executive Chairman's attendance at NBN Co?

Answer:

The current Determination 2013/11 from the Remuneration Tribunal sets remuneration for the NBN Co Chairperson at \$209, 630 per annum with tier one travel allowance. Whilst Dr Zwickowski holds the Executive role position he will receive an additional \$50,000 gross per month.

Of the 40 working days since joining NBN Co as Executive Chairman, Dr Switkowski has worked the equivalent of 27 full time equivalent days (or 67.5%). This does not include weekend work.

As at 29 November 2013, travel related costs including accommodation amounted to approximately \$13,000.