

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: 215

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Media Training

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:
 - a) Total spending on these services
 - b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
 - c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) The names of all service providers engaged
2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:
 - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - e) The total amount spent on the service
 - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a) The location used
 - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)
 - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer:

NBN Co's education expenses from 1 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 amounted to \$1,550,139. This includes all training associated with on boarding of new staff/contractors/construction partners, compliance briefing, technical accreditations, safety, IT systems/processes, leadership, media and management training. To disaggregate particular items of expenditure such as media training would be difficult and would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources.