

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: 223

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Public Service efficiencies

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
2. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
3. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?
4. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?
5. Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?

Answer:

NBN Co is a Government Business Enterprise and is not subject to the efficiencies outlined in the 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service Efficiencies'.

NBN Co minimises expenditure through established policies and procedures so as to ensure only necessary expenditure is incurred.