

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

2019-20 Additional Estimates, March 2020

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 186

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Hansard Ref: Written, 03/03/2020

Topic: Entertainment spend – 1 July 2018-31 October 2019

Senator Kitching asked:

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Answer:

Within the NBN Co's financial systems, the category of "entertainment" includes a wide range of items, such as catering for business meetings. NBN Co does not require business units and / or employees who organise meetings, events and functions to break down information in this way.

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Senator Kimberley Kitching asked:

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