

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1213A/7

BACKGROUND & SUMMARY INFORMATION

Background

1. NBN Co Limited (**NBN Co**) is a government business entity (**GBE**), which has the mandate of realising the Australian Government's vision for the development of a national broadband network that is truly national in character.
2. NBN Co recognises that information is a vital and an invaluable resource, both for the company and for the broader Australian community. That is why NBN Co fosters and promotes a pro-disclosure culture, with the goal of creating an organisation that is open, transparent and accountable. In that light, members of the public will be able to find a large amount of information freely available on our [website](#).
3. In addition, NBN Co manages its information assets within the terms and spirit of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (**the FOI Act** or **the Act**). We also endeavour to release information proactively, while taking into account our commercial and other legal obligations.
4. Subject to relevant exemptions, the FOI Act gives the Australian community the right to access documents held by Commonwealth Government agencies, as well as "prescribed authorities", such as NBN Co.

Terms of FOI Request

5. On 8 January 2013, NBN Co confirmed the terms of an FOI request, in which an applicant sought access to the following documents and information:

Copies of all receipts for staging the launch of the NBN connection at the Sydney Road Community School in Brunswick on 20 December 2012, including (but not limited to) transport, entertainment, talent, appearance, food and beverage, staging, hire and publicity costs & any payments made to Tim Freedman.

6. On 25 March 2013, NBN Co made an FOI access decision in relation to the documents outlined in the table below and which are found in the subsequent pages of this document.

Doc No.	Description of document	Decision	Exemption
1	NBN Co staff member's receipt: Taxi to airport for flight to Melbourne – 20 December 2012	Full Release (With agreed redactions)	N/A
2	NBN Co staff member's receipt: Taxi from airport following flight to Melbourne – 20 December 2012	Full Release (With agreed redactions)	N/A
3	HRG invoice: NBN Co staff member's flights to and from Sydney and Melbourne – 20 December 2012	Full Release (With agreed redactions)	N/A
4	n2n Communications Invoice No. 00003674 – 31 December 2012	Full Release (With agreed redactions)	N/A

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Additional Information

7. It is important to note the following matters concerning the documents released in this FOI application:
- [The Song Room \(TSR\)](#) is a national not-for-profit organisation that provides free, tailored, long-term music and arts-based programs for children in disadvantaged and high-need communities. Among other initiatives, TSR provides online programs, some of which require high speed broadband.
 - In 2012, TSR had been running an online music education program at the Sydney Road Community School (**the SRC School**) in Brunswick, Victoria, which was the first school connected to the NBN in that State. As such, TSR worked with NBN Co and the SRC School on a case study story about that program.
 - TSR also involved that organisation's volunteer ambassador, musician Tim Freedman, with the SRC School case study. Neither TSR nor Mr Freedman were paid any fees in relation to the case study or for related media stories by NBN Co or any other parties.
 - On 20 December 2012, Mr Freedman attended the launch of the NBN connection at the SRC School in his role as a volunteer ambassador and in support of TSR. The Song Room covered various costs, such as staff time, incurred for participation in the launch.
 - The n2n Communications invoice (Document 4) refers to "NBN Co Vertical Song Room Expenses". However, it is important to note that TSR received no payments from NBN Co, nor any other party in relation to the 20 December 2012 launch at the SRC School.
 - In addition, TSR's ambassador, Tim Freedman, was paid no appearance fees, nor any other fees for participating in the launch. However, NBN Co reimbursed n2n Communications for part of Mr Freedman's travel costs (air flights only) and his accommodation.
 - All other expenses – detailed in Document 4 – related to n2n Communications staff or consultants and their work at the launch, including their flights, professional fees, etc.
 - NBN Co internal staff costs were \$536.34, which comprised \$102.23 for taxi fares (Documents 1 & 2) and \$434.11 for return flights from Sydney to Melbourne (Document 3). NBN Co paid \$4947.25 to n2n Communications for the expenses outlined above. Combined with its internal staff expenses, the total was **\$5483.59**.

Live taxiEpay
TAX INVOICE

TAXI
DRIVER ID
TRANSACTION: 20120105

FARE	\$46.40
(inc. GST)	
SERVICE FEE	\$4.60
GST ON SVC FEE	\$0.40

TOTAL	\$51.50

TERMINAL ID:
MERCHANT ID:
MASTERCARD

EXP:XX/XX

SWIPE

BATCH: 000116

INU: 00094

SALE

Auth ID:
RRN:
Dec 20, 12 05:29

R06903
STAN: 004340
CREDIT

SALE	\$51.50
TOTAL AUD	\$51.50

AF 12/20/12 05:29

R 12/20/12 05:29

CABCHARGE
TAX INVOICE
EFTPOS

VIC 131008
TAXI VIC AU
MERCHANT ID:
TERMINAL ID:
CLIENT ID:
SERVER ID:
SERVER ABN:

PICK UP: MELBOURNE ARPT
DROPT: PRINCES HILL

PIRES: (1) 10/15 (1)
MasterCard CRD
CARD ID A00000000041010
TERMINAL ID R34749

FARE	\$38.90
TAX	\$6.80
FEES	\$0.00

TOTAL FARE	\$45.70
TOTAL GST	
SERVICE FEE	\$4.57
CONTRIBUTION FEE	\$0.46

TOTAL	AUD \$50.73

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*** CUSTOMER RECEIPT ***
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**HRG Australia**

ABN : 14 074 033 828

Licence No. : 32125

Level 22

360 Collins St

MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Telephone : 1300 851 166

Facsimile : 02 6234 0299

Email :

Tax Invoice - Reprint Copy

NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK CO
LEVEL 11
100 ARTHUR STREET
NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

ABN: 86 136 533 741

Invoice #: I007478262

Account: NBNC0

Cost Centre Name: External Communications

Cost Centre Code: 71013

Date: 11/12/2012

Consultant: CANBERRA SERKO

Ordered By:

Due Date: 11/12/2012

Booking: 20ROV8111212

Departure Date: 20/12/2012

Passenger(s):

SERVICE	Gross (ex tax)	Tax	Discount	Incidentals	GST	Amount
Flight Flight: SYD QF MEL MEL QF SYD TICKET NO 081 3035481577 on 11/12/2012 TRANSACTION T004119972 QF 405 V 20DEC12 Sydney/Melbourne QF 442 V 20DEC12 Melbourne/Sydney	\$376.29	\$37.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37.59	\$413.51
Transaction Fee Domestic Booking Fee TRANSACTION Q003241730	\$14.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.27	\$14.00
Transaction Fee NBN TM Transaction Fee TRANSACTION Q003241731	\$6.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$6.60
TOTAL	\$396.89	\$37.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.46	\$434.11
PAID BY CARD: NBNCO BTA	Expiry:	Approval:				-\$413.51
HRG has charged the given credit card - Upon Approval, No Balance Due.					Total Due:	\$20.60

Gross (ex Tax) = Gross Including GST on Fares and GST on Airport Tax but excludes the actual airport tax. Tax = Airport tax and levies.

References

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Please forward payments to HRG Australia, Level 22, 360 Collins Street, MELBOURNE, VIC 3000
or deposit the payment into our Bank Account at , Account Number

For account enquiries, please contact us via email -



TAX INVOICE

NBN Co
 Attention:
 Level 11
 100 Arthur Street
 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2060

Big N Pty Ltd t/a n2n Communications
 Attention: Jamie Verco
 Level 3
 79 Commonwealth St
 SURRY HILLS NSW 2010
 AUSTRALIA
 ABN 86 091 695 019

Invoice Number 00003674

Invoice Date 31 Dec 2012

PO/Reference

Description	GST	Amount AUD
NBN Co Vertical Song Room Expenses:		
* Photographer	10.00%	750.00
* Catering	10.00%	90.90
* Flights for personnel	10.00%	1,441.60
* Accommodation	10.00%	180.00
* Videographer	10.00%	2,035.00
	Subtotal	4,497.50
	Total GST 10%	449.75
	Invoice Total AUD	4,947.25
	Total Net Payments AUD	0.00
	Amount Due AUD	4,947.25

Due Date: 30 Jan 2013

EFT Payment Details

Account Name:

BSB:

Account No:

SWIFT CODE:

Email for Remittance:

* If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to "Big N Pty Ltd"