

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee Budget Estimates 2017-18 Thursday, 15 June 2017 Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Senate Environment and Communications Budget Estimates hearing.

The committee met from 6.00pm until 8.03pm.

The committee called:

• the Department of Communications and the Arts and NBN Co Ltd.

Some of the topics discussed by the committee included:

- departmental procedures for processing questions on notice;
- dates in relation to the provision of NBN Electorate Briefs;
- support for users of medical alarms as the NBN network is rolled out;
- coverage and technical specifications of the Mobile Black Spot Program;
- impact of non-existent premises in the NBN rollout;
- number of 'Service Class 0' addresses;
- cost of the NBN to the taxpayer;
- NBN multi-technology mix comparisons;
- forecast take-up rates of the NBN in regional areas;
- options for enhancing NBN's future satellite capacity;
- universal service obligation (USO) and new development sites; and
- percentage of the NBN workforce involved in the rollout.