

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates February 2017

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 169

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Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017

Topic: Copper – metres purchased by NBN

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. How many metres of copper has NBN Co purchased for the NBN rollout to date?
2. Who supplies NBN Co with copper for the NBN rollout?
3. From what countries has the copper been purchased from?
4. How many metres of copper does NBN expect it will have purchased by the end of the rollout?

Answer:

1. 15,051 km of copper cable
2. Prysmian.
3. Australia, Brazil and Turkey.
4. The total purchase of copper will vary with final rollout technology mix, as each technology has unique characteristics that affect copper cable utilisation.