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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 322

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Topic: Reduction in FTTP premises between 2017 and 2016 Corporate Plan

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

The 2016 Corporate Plan forecast around 1.6 million FTTP brownfield premises would be RFS by 2020. The 2017 Corporate Plan forecast around 1.2 million premises would be RFS by 2020, which is a reduction of FTTP 400,000 premises compared to the previous 2016 Corporate Plan. The RFS projections in the 2016 Corporate Plan show the majority of these 400,000 FTTP premises were due to be connected in FY17 and FY18 and were likely to have fallen within the scope of the NBN Co three year construction plan.

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
2015 CP	0.03	0.11	0.38	0.71	1.08	1.27	1.52		
2016 CP	0.03	0.11	0.38	0.71	1.10	1.10	1.20	1.20	1.20

- (a) Please list the towns and areas due to receive FTTP under the 2016 Corporate Plan and 3 year construction plan, which are no longer due to receive FTTP.
- (b) Were the 0.4 million FTTP premises not longer in the rollout plan intended to target areas with long copper loops?
- (c) What technology are these 0.4 million premises due to receive now? FTTN, HFC or FTTC?

Answer:

It is not clear how the figure of 400,000 was arrived at. The 2016 corporate plan estimated a brownfields figure of in FY18 of 1.515 million. In 2017, this had been listed as 1.2 million, which would be a change of just over 300,000. It is important to remember, however, that the 2017 plan figures are the base case. The 2017 Corporate Plan also provided a range of 2.0-2.5 million FTTP premises at the end of the rollout (including Greenfields), which could include those roughly 300,000 premises, depending on planning decisions.

This is all in the context of nbn often deploying multiple technologies in each area, so rather than there being a list of entire towns moving from one technology to another, or a specific set of premises destined for one particular technology, these numbers represent a potential change in the mix of technologies deployed in each area.