

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Spill-over Hearing June 2017

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 338

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Topic: Technology Choice – Quote costs

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Of the Individual Premises Switch quotes NBN have provided to applicants under the Technology Choice Program what was the highest quote for:

- (a) FTTN to FTTH quotes to date?
- (b) HFC to FTTH quotes to date?
- (c) Fixed Wireless to FTTH quotes to date?
- (d) Where applicable please include the suburb/town for the quote for a) b) and c).

This should include figures for any quote which an individual or business has paid NBN Co to receive. For example this would include both 'cost estimates' quotes and 'build quotes'.

Answer:

As with any construction project, the cost for nbn Technology Choice depends on individual site specifics. A single end user applying for a Technology Choice upgrade will typically pay a significant amount, particularly if theirs is the first request in the area. In order to provision an FTTP service for one end user, significant, complex work is often required at the exchange in order to transmit an FTTP service. As a result, the most effective way to lower the price for a Tech Choice switch would be to aggregate demand amongst multiple end users in the same area.

As at 30 June 2017:

- (a) \$149,937; Katoomba, NSW (quote declined).

The majority of this figure is related to the cost of equipment in the exchange that nbn may not otherwise have had to install. nbn is currently reviewing the way the costs of this type of equipment is allocated and will review this quote as a part of that process.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) \$217,600; Shaw, QLD (being built).
- (d) Included above.