

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Spill-over Hearing June 2017

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Question No: 366

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Topic: Fibre to the Node Designs, Construction and Ready for Service for Tasmania

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. Why was the Cremorne, Tasmania FTTN design not completed until November 2016?
2. As the Cremorne, Tasmania FTTN design was not completed until November 2016 (two months after the first FTTC announcement in September 2016), what prevented NBNCo from including Cremorne in the FTTC rollout?
3. What is the build start date and ready for service date for each of the following locations in Tasmania:

Please respond using the below table:

Location	Build Start Date	Ready for Service Date	Current Number of Premises not connected to NBN
Aberdeen			
Devonport			
Don			
Miandetta,			
Quoiba			
Spreyton			
Stony Rise			
Tugrah			
Acton			
Brooklyn			
Burnie			
Cooee			
Downlands			
East Cam			
Emu Heights			
Havenview			
Hillcrest			
Montello			
Ocean Vista			
Park Grove			
Parklands			
Romaine			
Shorewell Park			
South Burnie			

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Location	Build Start Date	Ready for Service Date	Current Number of Premises not connected to NBN
Upper Burnie			
Wivenhoe			
Ambleside			
East Devonport			
Latrobe			
Heybridge			
Penguin			
Sulphur Creek			
Forth			
Leith			
Turners Beach			
Ulverstone			
West Ulverstone			
Wynyard			

Answer:

1. The Cremorne design was completed within the normal timeframe for the design process.
2. A typical design process can take 12 months, before construction even commences. At the time of the FTTC announcement, Cremorne design was well advanced and nearing completion. It is important to note that construction is now complete in Cremorne and residents are able to order a service. Halting and restarting the design with a different technology would have meant Cremorne residents would have needed to wait much longer for a service and would have been the last residents in Tasmania's fixed-line footprint to get a service.
3. All of these areas have completed construction and are now able to order a service. Information about specific ready for service dates is publicly available.