

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 186

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic SSCNBN QoN 13 – July 2014

Senator Urquhart asked:

The Answer to Question on Notice No. 13 from the 11 July 2014 public hearing of the Senate Select Committee on the NBN set out the brownfields premises NBN Co had passed with fibre on a weekly basis according to the “prior method” and the “revised method.” Please provide this information from the week of 27 July 2014 until the most recent date for which data is available.

Answer:

The table below shows ‘Premises Passed’ as provided previously (prior method) and compares them with the ‘revised method’ as currently used in the weekly public figures.

‘Premises Passed’ (prior method) refers to premises that have the local, distribution and transit fibre in place and these elements of the network have been granted practical completion. A proportion of these are in Fibre Serving Area Modules (FSAMS) that have not been declared ‘Ready for Service’.

‘Ready for Service’ refers to premises that are in an FSAM that has at least 90 per cent of its premises ‘passed’ and where the addresses have been loaded onto the service portal. The addresses are visible to Retails Service Providers (RSPs) and premises that are not Service Class Zero (SC0) can order a service.

On 1 April 2014 NBN Co began using the ‘Ready for Service’ metric in the weekly public reports, but kept calling this “Premises Passed” with a footnote explaining the amendment to the premises count.

Date	Brownfields	
	Premises Passed (Prior method)	Premises Passed (Revised method)
31-Dec-14	611,407	469,111
18-Dec-14	599,213	466,097
11-Dec-14	577,015	463,076
04-Dec-14	571,271	462,388
27-Nov-14	558,136	454,851
20-Nov-14	546,854	440,766
13-Nov-14	544,168	435,570
06-Nov-14	540,839	431,873
30-Oct-14	528,946	428,819
23-Oct-14	520,933	424,066
16-Oct-14	517,354	421,876

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09-Oct-14	512,114	420,169
02-Oct-14	513,207	420,096
25-Sep-14	499,679	417,129
18-Sep-14	479,236	415,314
11-Sep-14	473,452	407,103
04-Sep-14	464,363	404,704
28-Aug-14	454,280	402,750
21-Aug-14	452,809	400,780
14-Aug-14	445,216	400,150
07-Aug-14	440,180	399,963
31-Jul-14	436,226	396,061