

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 28 May 2015 from 9 am until 7.20 pm.

The committee called the Department and agencies of the Communications portfolio, including the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and NBN Co.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- NBN spectrum gap,
- Defence concerns about NBN Co's fixed wireless network at 3.4 and 3.6 GHz,
- Governing apparatus licences,
- the World Radio Conference,
- NBN Satellite coordination agreement negotiations with the Russian authorities,
- the review of ACMA by the Department,
- proposed changes to the Broadcasting Services Act,
- the interview with the Minister for Agriculture conducted by KIIS-106.5 FM radio host Mr Kyle Sandilands,
- the Copyright Infringement Code,
- community television broadcasting,
- information regarding the roll-out of the NBN on the website of the Member for Corangamite,
- variations in the NBN equity profile and NBN rebranding, development costs and draft corporate plan,
- NBN rollout in Tasmania and roll-out timeframes for Devonport,
- the prioritisation of rollout to areas with poor broadband quality,
- NBN's HFC network and the Telstra HFC deal,
- NBN's fixed line services,
- NBN cost per premise,
- launch dates of NBN's satellites,
- revised NBN Migration plan (awaiting comments from the ACCC),
- savings identified by the Department of Communications in the Government's Deregulation Agenda,
- the work program of the Bureau of Communications Research,
- the universal wholesale pricing cap,
- the Digital Transformation Office,
- an update on the Spectrum Review, and
- the Mobile Black Spot Program.