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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps you could take this on notice also. The company has indicated that they wrote to you on 5 March 2015. I wonder if you can table any correspondence between yourself and the NBN in relation to this matter.

Senator Cormann: Well, any correspondence would not have been with me on my own. Any correspondence between the government and the NBN is joint correspondence in a general sense between me and the communications minister and NBN. Look, I will take on notice the question you ask and see whether we can add anything to that answer.

Answer:

As per section 4.10.3 of the *Government Guidelines For Official Witnesses Before Parliamentary Committees And Related Matters*, NBN Co Limited (NBN) has advised that it would be inappropriate to disclose the documents in question, as they contain commercial information which could disadvantage the company and advantage a competitor in their business operations.