

Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network

Answers to Questions on Notice

Committee hearing 15 August 2018

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 2

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Topic: Capital Expenditure totals out to 2021

Mr Brian Mitchell, MP asked:

Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: In 2015, NBN Co supplied the department with satellite capital and operational expenditure out to the financial year 2021. On notice, can the department provide the cumulative capital expenditure totals for the data that was supplied out to 2021?

Mr Mrdak: Yes, we'll take that on notice.

Answer:

NBN Co Limited (NBN Co) has long stated that the expected capital expenditure required to deliver the satellite service is approximately \$2 billion. This includes manufacture of the satellites as well as ground systems, end-user equipment and the space launch – see

www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/media-centre/media-statements/lts-com-satellite-deal.html.

NBN Co's estimates of capital costs of \$1.986 billion to FY21 provided in 2015 and figures provided since, including in responses to Question on Notice, have continued to confirm this figure of approximately \$2 billion in capital costs for the satellite service.