

Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network

Answers to Questions on Notice

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Topic: Feasibility and costs

Mr Brian Mitchell, MP asked:

Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: I'm going to have to ask about the feasibility and the costs you're talking about. Obviously with a multibillion-dollar rollout costs are relative. When we talk about a high cost, I've got no real idea of what the relative costs are that you're talking about. If you could provide some information to the committee on notice about how much in dollar terms this would have cost, I'd appreciate it.

Mr Rue: Certainly. But I would just emphasise that we are focused on congestion and the customer experience. That's our clear focus, rather than necessarily launching another product. I'll certainly do the costings. I'll answer the question on costings on notice, but I want the committee to understand that this is all about the customer experience of people on the existing network and managing the congestion. I think that is something that we should radically focus on, rather than launching another product that would make it even worse.

Answer:

Please refer to Question on Notice 3 on the fixed wireless costs.