

Joint Standing Committee on the National Broadband Network

Answers to Questions on Notice

Committee Hearing 15 August 2018

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 2

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Topic: 100Mbps fixed wireless decision

Mr Brian Mitchell, MP asked:

Q1 Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: If you don't mind providing it, that would be appreciated. Mr Ryan may be able to answer this as well: when did NBN Co decide to abandon the promised 100 megabits per second upgrade path on fixed wireless? What year and month was that?

Mr Rue: I'm sorry, I'll have to take that on notice. I do recall a discussion which I was in with Mr Morrow and the department, I believe, on that, but I'm not exactly sure what month that was. So let me take that on notice.

Q2.1 Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: Would Mr Ryan have been involved?

Mr Rue: It would be helpful if I get the exact train of events and discussions.

Q2.2 Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: Did NBN Co advise the minister and the Minister for Regional Communications that it had dumped the plan prior to it being revealed in Senate estimates? On what date was that and was it in writing?

Mr Rue: Again, I'll have to take that on notice. My memory was certainly a discussion with the department in a meeting I was in with Mr Morrow. The exact date of that I'll have to take on notice, I'm sorry. I will try to get it to you before the end of the hearing. I will do my best, but if not, we will take the question and answer you later.

Q2.3 Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: I have another related question which I imagine will have a similar answer. When did NBN advise the department? Can you please provide that date? If I could lump that in with those other answers, that would be appreciated.

Mr Rue: What we might do is try and lump those questions together and give you an answer in one hit.

Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: I ask that they be specifically answered rather than just some sort of general answer. That would be appreciated.

Mr Rue: Of course.

Q2.4 Mr BRIAN MITCHELL: On 24 May this year, under questioning by Labor senators, the NBN Co—Mr Morrow—revealed that the company had dumped its promised plans to deliver the 100 megabits per second upgrade. When was the department first advised that NBN Co had dumped that promise to deliver the upgrade?

Mr Rue: I'm not sure about the phrase 'dumped the promise'. Again, I'm sorry, I'll have to take that on notice. I'll answer that in conjunction with the other questions you've asked.

Answer:

1 Please see response to Question on Notice 90 from the Senate Estimates hearing in May 2018.

2.1 Please refer to Question on Notice 108 from the Senate Estimates hearing in May 2018.

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2.2 Please refer to the Department's response to Question on Notice 49 from the Senate Estimates hearing in May 2018.

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