




JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

Public hearing on Monday 4 June 2018 (Sydney)
Questions on Notice—NSW Business Chamber

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1	<p>Senator O'NEILL: You indicated you've got 20,000 members, but clearly the action you take impacts on other businesses across the state. What's your estimate of how many businesses there are in New South Wales?</p> <p>Mr Lamont: I'd have to take that on notice, but my understanding is that nationally we've got about 2.1 million small businesses. I would need to check our records, but it would be in the order of 700,000.</p>	32	753,794 small businesses operating in NSW (2016-17 ABS).
2	<p>Senator O'NEILL: On notice, is the chamber aware of the fact that the NBN killed the 100-megabits-per-second offering?</p> <p>CHAIR: That is on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: And what are you doing for your members with regards to that?</p>	40	<p>The Chamber is aware of the NBN Co May 2018 announcement that it had dropped plans to provide 100 megabit per second (mbps) speeds on its fixed wireless network.</p> <p>The Chamber advocates for access to fast, reliable and affordable broadband internet for Australian businesses in rural, regional and metropolitan locations.</p> <p>The Chamber does not have a position on the type of technology used to achieve this outcome. We are advocating for more reliable, affordable and accessible broadband for members across NSW.</p>
3	<p>CHAIR: That was a question on notice. I would just like to put a proposition to you following my earlier conversation, and if this is not</p>	40	Formal response provided to the Committee on 6 June 2018 – 'Additional information sought by the Joint

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	<p>correct, please feel free to come back to me: that your survey that we have been focusing on today was conducted with 846 businesses; 356 were actually connected to the NBN and that is 42 per cent. If that is not the case, do let the committee know.</p> <p>Mr Lamont: I'll provide a breakdown of that survey for you.</p> <p>CHAIR: If what I have just said is not correct—that only 42 per cent of the 846 that were surveyed were actually connected to the NBN—I have a New South Wales chamber link on my website.</p>		<p>Standing Committee'.</p> <p>Embedded below:</p>  <p>NSY.PRN07@nswbc. com.au_20180606_0'</p>