

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

MEDIA RELEASE

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Chair: Mr Robert Oakeshott MP Deputy Chair: Mrs Yvette D'Ath MP

NBN Rollout Performance Report Released

The Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network today received the Government's first performance report on the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN). The NBN rollout performance report informs the committee's ongoing six-monthly review and will be examined at a public hearing in Canberra on 13 October. The performance report is available at www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn

"The first report from the Government to the Parliament on the NBN rollout is welcome, and a public hearing of the NBN Committee on the 13th of October will be the opportunity for these figures to be tested by the full cross-section of the 56 Members of Parliament who are on the committee," Committee Chair Robert Oakeshott said today.

"The NBN build will move from a test-phase to an operational phase in the next 12 months, and critical decisions are being made now about the entire tenyear build. The Parliament has a responsibility to make sure these decisions are taken in the public interest, and that we get full value-for-money for the capital expenditure," Mr Oakeshott said.

The committee will present its second report to the Parliament by the end of 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Thursday, 13 October 2011, Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

9.00 am NBN Co Ltd Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Department of Finance and Deregulation

Audio of the hearing will be available at: <u>http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/</u>

For media comment: please contact the Chair's Office on 0429 787 320.

Further information about the inquiry is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2322 via email <u>icnbn@aph.gov.au</u> or by visiting the committee's webpage at: <u>www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn</u>