

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

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Chair: Mr Robert Oakeshott MP Deputy Chair: Mr Rob Mitchell MP

NBN Co and Telstra to discuss NBN Rollout and Workforce Issues

On 30 October 2012, the NBN Co will appear before the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (NBN) to discuss the six monthly progress of the NBN Rollout.

As part of its Fourth Review, the committee will examine the Shareholder Ministers' Six Monthly Performance Report of the NBN rollout which was due to the Committee by the end of September 2012.

In addition to examining issues relating to the rollout of fibre, fixed wireless and satellite services the committee is examining ongoing regulatory issues such as the NBN Co Special Access Undertaking and Wholesale Broadband Agreement.

The committee is also continuing its inquiry into Telstra workforce issues. Under Telstra's Retraining Funding Deed, the Government has committed to providing \$100 million to the Telstra Corporation to assist it in the retraining and redeployment of Telstra employees affected by the NBN rollout.

PUBLIC HEARING INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, 30 October 2012 Venue: Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

6.00 pm NBN Co Limited Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Department of Finance and Deregulation

8.00 pm Telstra Corporation

The hearing will be televised at: <u>www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament</u> and throughout Parliament House on HMS 10.

For media comment: please contact the Office of Mr Rob Oakeshott MP, Chair on 0429 787 320.

Further information about the review and 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 website at: <u>www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn</u>