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Appendix D – Correspondence on National Broadband Network Data



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Dear Mr ^{/Rob}Oakeshott

We are writing in our capacity as Shareholder Ministers for NBN Co Limited (NBN Co) regarding the reporting arrangements for the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network (the Committee).

As you are aware, the Government has undertaken to provide the Committee with an update on the status of the National Broadband Network rollout based on information provided by NBN Co. We note that this will help enable the committee to table its six monthly reports on progress of the roll of the NBN.

NBN Co, in conjunction with the Government, is finalising an appropriate reporting framework including key performance indicators on NBN Co's activities which can be used as the basis for reports to both the Government and to your Committee.

For the first report, there are practical challenges to providing the Committee with appropriate material before mid September. It is important to ensure that there is time for NBN Co management to prepare a report of satisfactory quality, for the NBN Co Board to perform appropriate due diligence in reviewing the content of the report, and for initial Government consideration of the report.

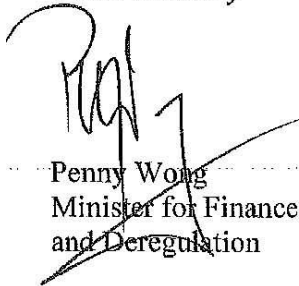
This timing would also ensure that the Government is able to provide the Committee with relevant information surrounding recent developments as part of its first report.

We are conscious of the importance of providing the Committee with quality information to inform its deliberations, and we are not confident that we could do so on an earlier timeframe, at least for this initial report.

If the Committee is in agreement, the Government will undertake to provide the Committee with a report, based on the most recent NBN Co information, by mid-September 2011.

We look forward to your response and welcome the continued interest in this important infrastructure project.

Yours sincerely



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