

Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network
Answers to Questions on Notice
Public Hearing 30 October 2012
Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio
NBN Co Limited

Question No: 9

Hansard ref: In writing

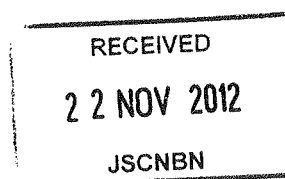
Topic: Switchover for apartment /unit blocks

The Committee asked:

How many apartment/unit blocks are expected to be part of the NBN rollout?

Answer:

The corporate plan assumes that of the 12.2 million premises to be passed, less than one third (approximately) will be Multi-Dwelling Units (MDUs).



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Question No: 15

Hansard Ref: In writing

Topic: Greenfields

The Committee asked:

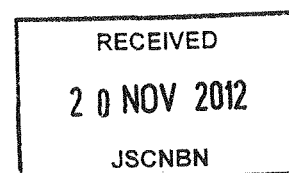
In recent weeks, there have been media reports of Greenfield estates (E.g. Landsdale, Perth) which have not had any pit or pipe installed to enable connection to the NBN or to fixed line telephone and householders have been issued with a mobile phone.

Would you like to comment on what has caused the delay?

Answer:

It is the responsibility of developers (not NBN Co) to install pit and pipe. It is a condition of NBN Co providing fibre to a development that pit and pipe of an appropriate standard be installed. There have in some cases been delays in securing the transfer of pit and pipe to NBN Co.

In the case of Landsdale, Perth, there have been delays in getting "As-Built plans," which under NBN Co's guidelines, are needed for the pit and pipe to be formally handed over to NBN Co. NBN Co needs these plans to prepare a design and issue the works order to a contractor.



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Question No: 43

Hansard ref: In writing

Topic: Fixed Wireless Network

The Committee asked:

How has the rollout of the transit network facilitated the deployment of the fixed wireless network?

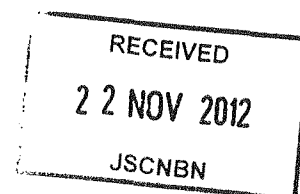
Answer:

NBN Co's 2012-15 Corporate Plan states the NBN Co has given priority to the deployment of the transit network (page 35) and that prioritising the transit rollout supports the rapid deployment of the fixed wireless network (page 37).

The transit network is the backbone of the National Broadband Network and provides connectivity for NBN Co Limited's (NBN Co) access networks, including the fixed wireless network.

The fixed wireless access network relies on the fibre-based transit network to carry the large amount of bandwidth generated by broadband usage, particularly to support bandwidth-intensive services such as videos and large file transfers.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) survey *Internet Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8153.0 - June 2012) shows that the amount of data downloaded via the internet (excluding mobile handsets) in the three months ending 30 June 2012 was 414,537 Terabytes, a 20 per cent increase since December 2011. The deployment of the fibre transit network will help provide the capacity required to support this increasing data usage.



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