



Fourth NBN Rollout Report Presented

The Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network today presented its Fourth Report on the Six Monthly Review of the Rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN). The report includes information detailing the progress of the NBN rollout over the period from 1 January to 30 June 2012 in addition to other current issues reported after this period.

The committee's report on its visit to New Zealand under the Australia New Zealand Parliamentary Committee Exchange Program is also included within the report.

Matters reviewed in the Fourth Report include: the rollout of fibre, fixed wireless and satellite services, performance reporting, regulatory issues, national uniform pricing under the NBN, the potential of private equity to fund the NBN, and Telstra workforce issues associated with the Retraining Funding Deed under the Telstra Agreement.

In its Fourth Report, the committee has recommended that:

- The Government's Six Monthly Performance Report be reformatted so that NBN rollout results are listed alongside NBN Co Corporate Plan targets.
- Audited financial statements and accompanying explanatory notes be included in the Government's Six Monthly Performance Report.
- The Government's Six Monthly Performance Report be provided to the committee no less than one month before the scheduled biannual review hearing.
- The Government support NBN Co to continue to explore the synergies between fixed and mobile telecommunications networks, and facilitate shared use of NBN Co infrastructure to improve mobile telephony for regional and remote Australia.
- The Government and NBN Co continue to work with stakeholders concerning the operation of medical alarms for aged and at-risk persons under the NBN, with a reporting back request to the committee.
- The Government seek to gauge investor interest in the NBN and investigate the optimum capital structure for NBN Co.

The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy provide an annual statement to the committee on progress concerning a range of matters under the Telstra Retraining Funding Deed.

Copies of the report are available at:

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/.report4.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House_of_Representatives_Committees?url=jcnbn/.report4.htm)

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