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Question:

Senator McALLISTER: Let me put it another way. Does the department consider the introduction of the regional broadband scheme was material in deciding the terms on which the commercial loan to the NBN might be offered?

Mr Edge: I do not recall that being a factor in terms of our consideration of the issue, but I would—

Senator McALLISTER: So your personal recollection is no. Does anyone in the department know other than yourself? Is there anyone else involved in this process who could tell me?

Mr Edge: I think we would need to take that on notice if you are asking for anything beyond my personal recollection. But my personal recollection is no.

Answer:

The Regional Broadband Scheme was not taken into account in setting the terms of the commercial loan to NBN Co Limited.