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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

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Topic: FSAMs

Senator Conroy asked:

Okay. So they have a contract to complete 36,000 by the end of the year?

Mr Brown: There is a sunset date as to when they are going to be finished. That is December—effectively 12 months from when we made this amendment to our existing contract.

Senator Conroy: So this was an amendment back in December.

Mr Brown: Yes. Last December we signed the amending agreement to take a subset of the work that was part of the original contract and commit to dates and deliveries. The onus is on them to complete that. At this point in time there are two of the 16 FSAMs close to final completion. Nine have commenced work and five are yet to start. We would expect at this stage—

Senator Conroy: Sorry, can I clarify? There is a completed set of FSAMs right now?

Mr Brown: Yes.

Senator Conroy: There are some that were underway prior to 16 December, and there was construction work underway—depending on if we can avoid the argument about what construction is, because I think Dr Switkowski accepted what construction was at the last Senate hearings—in more than 16 FSAMs.

Mr Brown: That is correct.

Senator Conroy: In how many FSAMs was work underway?

Mr Brown: I would have to take that on notice. It was more than FSAMs.

Answer:

The status of the 16 Fibre Serving Area Modules (FSAMs) as at end April 2014:

FSAM	Status
7BEV-01	Active
7BEV-02	Build Commenced
7BEV-04	Build Commenced
7HOB-03	Active
7HOB-06	Build Commenced
7KIN-02	Build Commenced
7KIN-04	Build Commenced
7KIN-05	Build Commenced
7LAU-02	Active
7LAU-05	Build Commenced
7LAU-06	Build Commenced
7LAU-07	Build Commenced
7SOE-01	Build Commenced
7GEW-02	Build Commenced
7LAU-08	Build Commenced
7BEV-03	Not yet released