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Senator Conroy asked:

Senator CONROY: to do work and they actually could not do any work. Sitting around for five months when you cannot get any money because you cannot do any work is probably pretty tough, Mr Adcock. Any idea who at Telstra was responsible for that?

Mr Adcock: I do not want to get into that debate—

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Senator CONROY: You were there. You were on the Telstra side, running the remediation. I was on the 'we can't do any work because Telstra's stopped work' side.

Mr Adcock: And your point is valid. In handling the asbestos, high levels of care were deployed across the network as a—

Senator CONROY: And that is a good thing. I am not actually holding you responsible for individual subcontractors—

Mr Adcock: Thank you, Senator!

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Mr Morrow: Can I just make sure that you know, Senator Conroy—if I understand the questions you are asking—that we are paying. Let's make it real clear: we are paying our delivery partners more now than two years ago, as an example.

Senator CONROY: I am just trying to establish what it is (inaudible) single facts or questions.

Mr Morrow: Can we take that on notice and come back to you and let you know more of that detail.

Senator CONROY: You can take it on notice until in a couple of weeks time, when we are meeting again. You will be able to answer the question, I would assume, by then.

Mr Morrow: Stephen, can you commit to that?

Mr Rue: Of course I can.

Answer:

Yes, a number of the contracts were renegotiated in late 2013 and early 2014 which resulted in some increase in the schedule of rates.