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Topic: Strategic review

Senator Conroy asked:

What is in the strategic review?

Mr Morrow: I believe it started in FY15—Steven, can you confirm that?

Mr Rue: I don't recall. I assume it is in these documents somewhere.

Senator CONROY: I don't know the answer—occasionally I do actually ask a question where I have no idea about the answer! I am hoping you might actually illuminate me occasionally.

Mr Rue: I think it was fiscal 16, but let me have a look.

Mr Morrow: And Senator, as you know, the deal was not done until late last year. I believe it was slightly—

Senator CONROY: Well, what about when the deals will become unconditional? What forecast date did you have for the deals becoming unconditional, after which the rollout could then proceed apace? You must have had a predicted date.

Mr Morrow: Again, we know that the strategic review was the guideline around what it is that we can look for and expect in the future. It is our job right now to make sure that we now apply what that guideline and directional element was to facts, to actuals, to—

Senator CONROY: But you cannot have started on the start date, because the deal has taken longer and you have not got condition precedent.

Mr Morrow: In terms of the full strategic review. But Senator, I will remind you that the strategic review assumed that the two new technologies being added would come later in time, and that we have continued to roll out with the fibre to the prem, both green- and brownfields; with our fixed wireless satellite; with our satellite application that we put in to enhance even the ISS—all of that has been humming along. And that is why we are able to produce the results that we are.

Senator CONROY: So you cannot nominate a start date for MTM.

Mr Morrow: We will look it up and follow up on that. We will build on a plan for the future that stays within the statement of expectations.

Answer:

The Strategic Review Scenario 6 assumed the roll-out of the Multi Technology Mix (MTM) would commence in financial year 2016.