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Topic: Copper purchase

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: During October estimates, nbn told the committee that you had bought 180,063 metres of copper at a cost of \$14 million—what are you up to in your copper? How much have you purchased and at what cost?

Mr Morrow: I do not have that here.

Senator CONROY: Mr Rue, you answered the question last time.

Mr Rue: I will have to take that on notice.

Senator CONROY: You actually knew the answer last time.

Mr Rue: I do not have it with me, sorry. We will take that on notice. What did you ask exactly—metres and?

Senator CONROY: Last time you said you bought 1,860 metres of copper at a cost of \$14 million. What are you up to in new copper? How much have you purchased and at what cost? It was not commercial-in-confidence last time, so I am guessing we might just get an answer to that one.

Mr Rue: I do not have that here. I do have an answer to a question that you asked earlier though. I found a report to help you. The number of active premises you asked, over 140. So 200 and 5,000 is 28; 500 and 200 is three.

Answer:

Up to 10 March 2016 the value of copper ordered by nbn was \$44.2 million. In light of continued negotiations, additional detail on volumes and costs are commercial in confidence.