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**Topic: Greenfield fibre**

**Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:**

**Senator LUDLAM:** How much greenfield fibre to the node are you putting into the ground?

**Mr Simon:** I cannot tell you the exact amount. Our policy on greenfield for broadacre is still for FTTP, but without a doubt—

**Senator LUDLAM:** Sorry?

**Mr Simon:** Fibre to the premises.

**Senator LUDLAM:** That is what I thought.

**Mr Simon:** However, when we are in an FTTN area, if there is, say, a classic small house redevelopment that turns into a duplex or four apartments, if the node is there we would be connecting to the fibre.

**Senator LUDLAM:** Could you throw some metrics to us? I think I asked you this last year at some point. Could you put some numbers to that on notice?

**Mr Morrow:** Can I just be sure that I understand the question, Senator. If there are couple of new homes that are being built in an existing FTTN neighbourhood, copper will be run to those because it does not make economic sense to put fibre in for just a couple of homes on a block of land that has been remodelled. If it is in a bigger development, that is typically going to be served by fibre going up to those areas.

**Mr Simon:** Correct—broadacre.

**Answer:**

Under current modelling, approximately 8 per cent of New Developments would be served by fibre-to-the-node (FTTN) technology by 2022. These will largely be in-fill developments in established FTTN areas.