

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates February 2017**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 170**

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**Topic: Signal tests**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. When NBN Co performs an on-site signal test to determine whether a premises can receive an adequate fixed-wireless service, and determines the premises cannot receive an adequate, and must therefore use satellite, does NBN Co then go back to update its coverage maps and internal systems to reflect the surrounding properties are unable to receive fixed-wireless?
2. What are the risks pertaining to duplication of work and unnecessary delays?
3. What is the cost of getting a technician out to perform a fixed-wireless signal test?

**Answer:**

1. No, because a premises can fail a signal qualification test for many reasons and these will not necessarily affect neighbouring premises. There could, for example, be dense foliage or some particular obstruction that affects line of site to one premises, but not to others.
2. See above.
3. Costs vary based on multiple factors, including for example the distance the technician must cover and the complexity of the installation.