

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: 175

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Topic: Relative cost of FTTN/B

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please confirm whether FTTB is cheaper to deploy than FTTN.

Answer:

The cost to deploy both FTTB and FTTN is dependent on a number of factors including the distance of new fibre installed, and the use of existing versus new duct. In addition, on a per premises basis, the costs depend on the number of apartments in an MDU for FTTB, and the number of premises served by the node in FTTN. Therefore it is not possible to categorically state that one solution is cheaper than the other.