

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2017**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 241**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 14/03/2017**

**Topic: FTTN - Cost**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. Please confirm the average cost of an FTTN node
2. Please confirm the average cost of connecting power to an FTTN node
3. Please confirm the number of nodes NBN Co expects to deploy based on FTTN figures in the 2017 Corporate Plan.
4. Please confirm the average number of households expects to be passed by each node.
5. Please confirm the average number of active services projected for an FTTN node once rollout and switchover periods are complete.

**Answer:**

- 1-2. The procurement of FTTN nodes is on normal commercial terms, under competitive tender arrangements. To disclose the average cost per node would prejudice our commercial interests and is therefore commercial in confidence.
3. The expected number of nodes (excluding micronodes) is 25,000.
4. Each node will service approximately 185 premises.
5. The average takeup of active premises as disclosed in the Corporate Plan 2017 is 73-75%.