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Topic: 3.2 Million fibre-to-the-node - breakdown

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: So it is all fibre to the node—3.2 million fibre to the node?

Mr Morrow: I would want to double-check that, but I believe that sounds right, because when you look at our—

Senator URQUHART: I did not think you gave us their breakdown. That is why I was asking it again. I was not clear that we actually got that.

Mr Morrow: Remember, on aggregate, for the entire nation we have 4.4 million homes—that is 40 per cent of the nation that is now complete and ready for NBN service to be sold through the RSPs. We have completed 9½ million designs to be able to move towards the full 11.3 million to 11.4 million homes within the nation and we have completed six million of those nine million in terms of the designs, leaving the 3.4 million designs left to go.

Senator O'NEILL: Those technologies—the 3.2, I think it is, you just said 3.4—

Mr Morrow: We have initiated 9.5 million designs that we have already started. We have completed six million of those, so $3\frac{1}{2}$ million continue to be in the design portion of the pipe. I am excluding the 400,000 that are in the satellite LTSS.

Senator O'NEILL: So there is no design underway for anything other than FTTN?

Mr Morrow: No, that is incorrect. We have designs underway for HFC—

Senator O'NEILL: But that was the question—

Mr Morrow: We have designs underway for fibre to the premises, where it is a new development—that is still exists. There are some stragglers still on that classic FTTP brownfield that are still being worked through.

Senator O'NEILL: That is the question.

Senator URQUHART: Can you give us a breakdown of what that is?

Mr Morrow: I will take it on notice.

Answer:

FTTN = 1.3 million in design phase FTTC = 400,000 in design phase HFC = 1.5 million in design phase