

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

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**Question No: 348**

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**Hansard Ref: Written, 31/03/2017**

**Topic: FTTH deployment in brownfield**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

1. For the 2016 Corporate Plan, please provide FTTP brownfield RFS projections for FY19 and FY20.
2. Can NBN Co please confirm there are approximately 0.4 million fewer FTTP brownfield premises proposed in the 2017 corporate plan by the end of the rollout compared to the 2016 corporate plan? If this figure is in dispute, please provide a more precise figure.
3. Please confirm whether these premises reflected in NBN Co's three year construction plan? If yes, how many were included? How many were not included
4. Please advise which towns and suburbs were due to receive FTTP in the 2016 Corporate Plan and 3 year construction plan, which are no longer scheduled to receive FTTP.
5. What technology are these towns and suburbs receiving instead?

**Answer:**

1. The nbn Corporate Plan 2016 was a three-year plan covering up to FY18; it did not contain FTTP brownfields RFS figures for FY19 or FY20. These figures are included on page 47 of the 2017 Corporate Plan.
2. The Corporate Plan 2017 presents the number of premises by technology as a range. The range given in Corporate Plan 2017 for FTTP is 2.0–2.5 million, with a base case of 2.0 million. The technology allocation is continually optimised as further detailed planning information becomes available. The base case varies from Corporate Plan 2016 as we continue to optimise for the fastest and most cost-effective technology. For more detail on the multi-technology approach, please refer to section 4.2 of Corporate Plan 2017.

Actual premises volumes can be sourced from the publicly available weekly progress report available on the nbn website (<http://www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/about-nbn-co/corporate-plan/weekly-progress-report.html>). Alternatively, the proportion of premises covered by each technology will be updated in Corporate Plan 2018.

3. The three year construction plan from October 2015 contained approximately 1.2 million FTTP premises.
4. The Corporate Plan 2017 presents the number of premises by technology as a range. The range given in Corporate Plan 2017 for FTTP is 2.0–2.5 million, with a base case of

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To provide the level of detail requested would be an onerous task and therefore an unreasonable diversion of resources. Actual premises volumes can be sourced from the publicly available weekly progress report available on the nbn website (<http://www.nbnco.com.au/corporate-information/about-nbn-co/corporate-plan/weekly-progress-report.html>). Alternatively, the RFS forecasts will be updated in Corporate Plan 2018.

5. Please see point 4 above.