Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice Additional Estimates Spill-over Hearing March 2017 Communications Portfolio NBN Co Limited

Question No: 351

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Topic: 3 year migration window for business

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

- 1. Please outline the reasons for extending the migration window for businesses on the NBN to three years, including the risks and challenges this decision was intended to mitigate?
- 2. What is the definition of a business for the purpose of this extended migration window?
- 3. How many businesses does NBN Co expect could potentially make use of the extended migration window?
- 4. What are the forecast revenue impacts of this decision?

Answer:

- 1. The migration window for a defined set of copper based retail and wholesale products used by businesses, known as Special Services, was set out in the original Definitive Agreement signed with Telstra in 2011.
- 2. It is not a definition of a business but of a set of copper-based retail and wholesale products used by businesses.
- 3. The latest numbers show close to 130,000 Special Service products could migrate to the nbnTM network; however, many businesses would use multiple products at each of their business premises.
- 4. The three-year migration has always been a forecast assumption in the nbn Corporate Plan.