Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 357

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Topic: Take-up

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

- 1. Can NBN Co confirm its financial forecasts do not assume different take-up rates for FTTP compared to FTTN?
- 2. Can NBN Co confirm its financial forecasts do not assume different take-up rates for FTTN compared to HFC?
- 3. Can NBN Co confirm its financial forecasts do not assume different take-up rates for FTTN compared to FTTdp?
- 4. Can NBN Co confirm whether its financial forecasts assume different take-up rates for FTTN compared to fixed wireless? If yes, what are the differences?

Answer:

- 1. nbn's end user take up assumptions reflect a number of factors in each roll out region, including the percentage of vacant premises, mobile only premises, and alternative fixed technology providers. Therefore, each technology has different end user take up rates, based on these factors in each coverage area.
- 2. Refer answer 1.
- 3. Refer answer 1.
- 4. The average end user take up rate for FTTN is 73 per cent. The average end user take up rate for Fixed Wireless is approximately 55 per cent, being lower than FTTN due to the continued service of legacy copper lines to premises outside the fixed line areas.