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

Question No: 360

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Topic: 2013 Strategic Review – ongoing lack of transparency

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Program 1.1 Hansard Ref: Written, 31/10/2016 Topic: NBN Strategic Review Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. Page 14 of the 2013 NBN Strategic Review contains the following segment:

“Construction costs for an FTTN network in Australia would be in the order of [redacted] per premises, including the proactive copper remediation of up to [redacted] percent of lines in the FTTN footprint.”

Given the passage of time can the redacted segments be provided? If the Department considers it cannot, please provide reasons.

The Government responded:

“No, the redacted segments cannot be provided because they are nbn’s commercial-in-confidence information”

Can NBN Co advise why it considers that information to be commercial in confidence?

Answer:

To provide the redacted segments would reveal a component of nbn’s cost position to potential and existing service and delivery partners, and hence limit nbn’s ability to negotiate or renegotiate any associated contracts. For this reason the information is commercial-in-confidence.