

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 259

Program No. NBN Co Limited

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Topic: Copper network

Senator Xenophon asked:

I know it is not your network, but has an assessment been carried out? Ultimately the state of the copper network will determine the effectiveness of the NBN.

Mr Rousselot: The answer I provided earlier to Senator Ludlam is that part of the due diligence that will be conducted as part of securing the deal with Telstra will include an assessment of the copper.

Senator Xenophon: Could you take on notice—and it may be a question for other estimates—the state of the copper in South Australia.

Mr Rousselot: Yes.

Answer:

As Mr Rousselot stated in the hearing, part of the due diligence that will be conducted as part of securing the deal with Telstra will include an assessment of the copper. The deal with Telstra has not yet been concluded.