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Senator Xenophon asked:

In terms of the previous rollout schedule for South Australia, how far behind schedule is it? Where are we at? What problems do you anticipate in terms of homes being connected to the NBN in South Australia? I am happy for it to be taken notice. Do you have any information on the number of households that have been connected to the NBN in South Australia? How does that compare with previous forecasts or schedules and what you are proposing in the next 12 months to two years?

Mr Adcock: We currently have 2,700 premises activated in South Australia, which is 22½ per cent of the serviceable premises that have been passed. The number of premises that are currently ready for service in South Australia is about 11,800, of which 2,700 are activated.

Senator XENOPHON: Because only 22 per cent have taken it up?

Mr Adcock: Yes.

Senator XENOPHON: Is that the sort of take-up rate you were forecasting?

Senator CONROY: If you are going to play that game can you break it down into each FSAM and each FDH and whether it has been open for one day or for six months?

Mr Adcock: I was asked for the raw figures and I have given the raw figures in South Australia.

Senator XENOPHON: I am happy for those additional figures. I am not trying to—

Senator CONROY: Willunga, as you would know, has had the highest take-up rate in the country consistently. If you turn 2,000 on on the first day, guess what the take-up rate is? Zero.

Mr Adcock: That is correct.

Senator CONROY: If you take it six months later, what might it be?

CHAIR: Senator Conroy, Senator Xenophon has the call.

Senator XENOPHON: Chair, I am grateful to Senator Conroy because I think it should be taken in context. I do not want it to be taken out of context.

Senator CONROY: No, you are not seeking to.

Mr Adcock: Nor was I seeking to answer the question out of context. I will take it on notice and respond. That will make it easier. I was happy to give you the answers that were in front of me for South Australia but as Senator Conroy points out I would not want to be putting you—

Answer:

As at 26 May 2014 there were six Fibre Serving Area Modules (FSAMs) completed in South Australia and these are identified on our publicly available maps. Premises Passed totalled 11,880 of which 2,701 were activated (take up of 22.7 per cent).