

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: 281

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Brownfields FTTP deployment

Senator Urquhart asked:

At the Senate Select Committee on the National Broadband Network hearing on 19 May referring to information previously provided on NBN Co's interactive map Mr Adcock said:

“The people of the ACT whom you refer to are in the same boat as many, many people who had expectations set on information that was aspirational, to say the least.”

Is Mr Adcock able to identify any information that appeared on that map in relation to brownfield FTTP deployment that was not either (a) an area that had been included in NBN Co's three year roll-out plan published in May 2014, or (b) an area included in NBN Co's twelve month rollout plan, (c) an FSAM for which an NDD had been issued to a contract partner, or (d) an FSAM ready for service?

Answer:

There was no three year rollout plan published in May 2014.

As of 29 October 2013 there were ten Fibre Serving Area Modules (FSAMs) in the ACT region that were previously visible on the NBN Co website as “Construction Commenced” that did not have a Contract Instruction for Construction Activity (i.e. “commitment to build”), and associated documentation, issued to a construction partner. These ten FSAMs were also not identified in any Three-Year Construction Rollout Plan or the One-Year Construction Rollout Plan, but the corresponding three FSAs were shown.