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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Department of Communications

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Senator Urquhart asked:

The next concept is levered peak funding. What is that? What accounts for the difference between it and unlevered peak funding?

Answer:

Levered peak funding refers to the maximum amount of funding required to cover NBN project costs including debt issued from private sector providers and Commonwealth equity contributions.

Levered peak funding differs to unlevered peak funding in that it includes debt and interest expenses.