

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 519**

**Program No. 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Review of broadband quality and availability**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

**Senator Urquhart:** Do you know what was the unlevered peak funding to the strategic review that was estimated?

**Mr Robinson:** No. I do not.

**Senator Urquhart:** The question was: what was the unlevered peak funding the strategic review estimated? 'No' is not really an answer to that.

**Mr Robinson:** Sorry, Senator. I thought you asked whether I knew the answer to that. I do not know the answer to that. I am happy to take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The Strategic Review (pg17) estimated a peak funding (all equity) unlevered peak funding requirement of approximately:

- \$63 billion under Scenario 1 (Revised Outlook);
- \$54 billion under Scenario 2 (Radically Redesigned FTTP);
- \$52 billion under Scenario 3 (FTTN short loop, FTTB large MDUs);
- \$47 billion under Scenario 4 (HFC in HFC footprint);
- \$40 billion under Scenario 5 (FTTN & HFC); and
- \$39 billion under Scenario 6 (Optimised Multi-Technology Mix).