

**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: 539**

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**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Independent cost-benefit analysis and review of regulation**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In reference to the *Independent cost-benefit analysis and review of regulation*:

- a. Did the previous Cost Benefit Analysis of the NBN prepared by Dr Robson and Mr Ergas meet all the criteria of the analytical framework that has now been published? If not, why is Mr Ergas regarded as being an expert in Cost Benefit Analysis?

**Answer:**

- (a) The Department has not assessed that previous cost benefit analysis against the criteria of the current panel's analytical framework.