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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. At the hearing the Department was asked specifically whether two of the experts hired for peer review of the Cost Benefit Analysis, Professor Nicolas Curien and Kenneth Flamm, have specific expertise in demand estimation methodology. The question was unanswered, so it is repeated, were they hired because of their expertise in demand estimation methodology?

Answer:

- (a) The panel selected the four peer reviewers for its cost-benefit analysis on the basis of their broad experience and expertise in undertaking cost-benefit analyses, including in the telecommunications sector.

Professors Nicolas Curien and Kenneth Flamm both have expertise in demand estimation methodology.