

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

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**Program No. 1.1**

**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. Is estimating demand for broadband services with different broadband characteristics at different times a key element of the Cost Benefit Analysis?

**Answer:**

- (a) The 'Cost-Benefit Analysis of Public Investment in High Speed Broadband Network Infrastructure: An Analytical Framework' document released by the panel indicates that estimating demand (or willingness to pay) for broadband of different characteristics over time is an element of its cost-benefit analysis of the NBN.