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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
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Topic: SSC – QON 18 from 12 March

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

An answer to question on notice (Number 18 from the 12 March hearing of the Select Committee) states that “The Strategic Review Scenario 6 capex of \$30 billion provides for an upgrade of legacy Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) services on the Telstra and Optus networks to DOCSIS 3.0 and acquisition of the Cable Modem Termination System (CMTS) equipment for the HFC networks.”

- a. What is the additional capex cost of upgrading to DOCSIS 3.1 in 2017?
- b. What is the impact on peak funding from upgrading to DOCSIS 3.1 in 2017?

Answer:

a.- b. Disclosure at this time of the internal working forecasts of the capex cost of upgrading to DOCSIS 3.1 (and its incremental impact on peak funding) could cause harm to NBN Co’s commercial relationships with its customers and negatively impact upon our ability to function as a commercial entity.