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Topic: nbn 18 month rollout plan

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

A media release by Alex Hawke MP, dated 8 May 2015, states: “work [is] due to commence in areas covering an additional 14,200 premises over the next 18 months, covering Bella Vista, Castle Hill, Cherrybrook, Glenhaven, Kellyville, Rouse Hill, The Ponds and West Pennant Hills” (see: <http://www.alexhawke.com.au/media/media-releases/nbn-coming-norwest-business-park>). However, the NBN Co 18 Month rollout plan, released in April, 2015 states that construction for only 4,300 premises will commence over the next 18 months.

- a. Was the information released by Alex Hawke MP provided to Alex Hawke by NBN Co?
- b. Is the information accurate?
- c. Why is there a discrepancy between the 18 month rollout plan and the numbers in Alex Hawke’s media release?

Answer:

- a. All information relating to the 18 month rollout plan is publicly available and accessible on the **nbn** website.
- b. The information released in April, 2015 was accurate at the time of release, including the statistic that 14,200 premises in the Fibre Serving Area (FSA) of Kellyville would commence construction within 18 months.
- c. The accuracy of information provided in a press release is a matter for the author. It is not **nbn**’s role to comment on information released by Members of Parliament.