

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Topic: Statement of expectations**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

The Government's statement of expectations to NBN Co requires that "NBN Co will prioritise areas identified as poorly served by the 'Broadband Availability and Quality Report' published by the Department of Communications in February 2014..."

- a. The analysis does not use the term "poorly served". What criteria has NBN Co developed to determine if an area is "poorly served"?
- b. In the NBN Co 18 Month rollout plan, how many premises are considered "poorly served" by the 'Broadband Availability and Quality Report'?

**Answer:**

- a. Underserved Areas are Distribution Areas (DA) with less than 90 per cent broadband availability and/or DAs with less than 4.8Mbps peak median speed.
- b. There are 419,000 premises that are underserved in the fixed line footprint.