

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2015**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 18**

**Program No. 1.1**

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**Topic: NBN Co Strategic Review**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

The NBN Co Strategic Review states of Scenario 6 (the Multi-Technology Mix, or MTM) that the “Deployment [will be] completed by end” calendar year 2020 (see Table 0-2 on page 17).

- a. What is NBN Co’s latest forecast, as expressed in NBN Co’s 2015-18 Corporate Plan, for the deployment completion date for the Multi-Technology Mix?
- b. What is NBN Co’s latest forecast, as expressed in the 2015-18 Corporate Plan, for the following (if the answer can only be expressed as a range, please provide the range). Please also indicate whether the Department considers these forecasts to be appropriate:
  - i. Total peak funding (debt and equity) for the MTM;
  - ii. Total peak funding (equity only) for the MTM;
  - iii. Cumulative revenues until the deployment completion date (under different revenue trajectories, if applicable);
  - iv. Cumulative capital expenditure until the deployment completion date;
  - v. Cumulative operating expenditure until the deployment completion date;
  - vi. Total government equity until the deployment completion date;
  - vii. Total debt funding until the deployment completion date.

**Answer:**

**(a), (b)(i), (b)(iii) to (v), (b)(vii):**

The Government is currently considering NBN Co Ltd’s next corporate plan which we expect will be made publicly available. Please refer to question 112 asked of NBN Co dealing with this topic.

**(b)(ii) and (b)(vi):**

The Government has committed to total equity investment in the national broadband network of \$29.5 billion.