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Topic: Scientific Apparatus licences - Trial

Senator Dastyari, Sam asked:

Mr Tanner: I am hazarding to you that the trials we are talking about may be something which NBN Co has run that I do not actually have knowledge of. But because we will certainly know if we have issued any apparatus licences for trials, I will take that question on notice.

Senator DASTYARI: Can you also take on notice when the temporary licences expire?

Mr Tanner: Sure.

Answer:

The table below describes NBN Co's scientific licences in the 3.5 GHz band.

These licences were issued in outer metro areas before the ACMA had implemented the requirements of the 20 October 2014 Ministerial Direction.

NBN Co are using the licences to perform propagation testing and model tuning to assist in the planning of their network in outer metro city areas.

Date Expiry	Number of Licences
15-Jun-15	26
11-Aug-15	15
16-Aug-15	55
5-Nov-15	20
Grand Total	116