

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Question No: 228**

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**Topic: 300,000 homes FTTC – Minister’s briefing**

**Senator Chisholm, Anthony asked:**

**Senator CHISHOLM:** Thanks. Minister, in terms of the announcement by the chief of network engineering around the 300,000 homes that would receive fibre to the curb, when were you first briefed on that?

**Senator Fifield:** I will take that on notice.

**Senator CHISHOLM:** Were you briefed before the announcement by Mr Ryan?

**Senator Fifield:** I meet, essentially, on a fortnightly basis with Mr Morrow and senior members of his team, but I will take that on notice.

**Senator CHISHOLM:** Were you briefed on the extra cost that this would mean for the project?

**Senator Fifield:** We will take that on notice—Mr Morrow has taken on notice your question in relation to cost.

**Senator CHISHOLM:** Do you think there is any valid reason why they shouldn't tell us what the cost was, given that they both said that they know what it is?

**Senator Fifield:** We are taking that on notice.

**Answer:**

The Minister has been briefed on nbn’s Fibre to the Curb (FTTC) coverage and financial implications since September 2016. Costs associated with FTTC are not available, as nbn has not released its 2018 Corporate Plan.