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Topic: NBN Electorate Briefs – Inclusion of FTTC

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Do the more recent batch updates contain information about the deployment of fibre to the kerb?

Mr Madsen: It is not available as a technology yet, so I do not think they do.

Senator URQUHART: So they do not.

Mr Madsen: No.

Senator URQUHART: Why not? Haven't NBN Co announced most of the locations for this? Why would they not be in there?

Mr Madsen: Some of the more recent briefs would include information on fibre to the kerb.

Senator URQUHART: So some of the more recent ones do.

Mr Madsen: Yes.

Senator URQUHART: From when? Do you know how recent?

Mr Madsen: No, I do not know when. We would have to take that on notice.

Answer:

Planning information provided to the Department by nbn aggregates FTTx information comprising fibre to the node (FTTN), fibre to the basement (FTTB) and fibre to the curb (FTTC). None of the information on future plans in the briefs is split between these technology types. Information on areas under construction and RFS is only added once these areas have gone into build or are ready for service. The first FTTC areas have only recently gone into the construction phase.