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Topic: NBN new developments charge

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Does the Government's Telecommunications in New Development Policy, or its supplementary materials, convey any expectations about who the \$300 end-user connection fee should be borne by – the property owner or the tenant?

Answer:

Section 3.5 of the *Telecommunications in New Developments* policy (page 18) states that, "In cases where the property is subject to the end-user contribution, it is a matter between the property owner and the tenant as to who meets this charge. Given tenants are likely to expect ready access to telecommunications and connection of the NBN will provide ongoing utility, property owners may wish to consider the extent to which they offer a rental rebate in relation to the end-user contribution cost."