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Answers to Questions on Notice

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Senator Urquhart asked:

On page 60 of the Cost Benefit Analysis it states “the FTTP scenario has the highest benefits once it is fully rolled out, but takes a longer time to roll out.” Chart 6.2 (page 60) depicts the FTTP benefits over the MTM but does not provide a quantum. How much greater are the direct benefits of the FTTP scenario over the MTM, according to the Cost Benefit Analysis?

Answered by the Department of Communications (Program 1.1):

At indicated in Chart 6.2, the FTTP scenario has higher willingness to pay for incremental speeds over current speeds once rolled out. However, as indicated in table 6.1, MTM Scenario offer total benefits of \$42.7 billion compared to \$37.0 billion for the FTTP scenario. This reflects factors such as the slower rollout of FTTP delays the realisation of the benefits under the FTTP scenario.