

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 203

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contract instructions for physical design for four fibre service area modules in Bundaberg, Queensland.

Senator Urquhart asked:

Prior to the election, NBN Co issued contract instructions for physical design for four fibre service area modules in Bundaberg, Queensland. These FSAMs are set out in Attachment E:

- (a) Did NBN Co honour the contracts issued for physical design issued for these four FSAMs? (i.e. was the delivery partner paid for this work?)
- (b) The Strategic Review indicates that the cost of physical design, EAC, is \$127 per premise (Exhibit 2-26, page 52). What was the cost for physical design for these four FSAMs? Please provide on a per premises basis, or for the FSAM as a whole.
- (c) What access technology is NBN Co delivering in the footprint of 4BBE-01, 4BBE-02, 4BBE-03, and 4BBE-08?

Answer:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) NBN Co maintains that the value of the physical design costs is commercially confidential between NBN Co and its delivery partners. If this information was to be released it could cause harm to NBN Co (and hence the Australian taxpayer) by putting it at a commercial disadvantage when dealing with other suppliers.
- (c) Fibre to the Node (FTTN).