

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 206

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: SSCNBN QoN 49 - NSW – July 2014

Senator Urquhart asked:

According to NBN Co's answer to Question on Notice No. 49 from the 11 July hearing of the Senate Select Committee, 28 contract instructions for build have been issued in NSW since 8 September 2013.

- (a) How many contract instructions for build (FTTP) have been issued in NSW since 8 September 2013 based on the most recent available information? Please provide FSAM identifier, estimated premises count, month of issue, and relevant delivery partner.
- (b) Prior to the election, NBN Co had issued contract instructions for physical design for the following NSW FSAMs: 2ALB-01, 2COR-04, 2COR-08, 2CYS-01, 2CYS-02, 2CYS-03, 2GBE-01, 2GBE-02, 2GBE-03, 2GOS-08, 2GRN-02, 2MDG-01, 2MDG-02, 2MDG-03, 2PEA-02, 2PEA-05, 2RCH-07, 2ROC-05, 2ROC-06, 2WAG-01, 2WAG-02, 2WAG-03, 2WAG-04, and 2WLG-06. Did NBN Co honour the contracts for physical design issued for these FSAMs? (i.e. was the delivery partner(s) paid for this work?)
- (c) Has physical design been completed in these FSAMs? If not, why not?
- (d) As of 22 October 2014, the NBN Co map indicates that these FSAMs have not progressed to build preparation. Please indicate whether these FSAMs are scheduled to receive fibre-to-the-premises access technology.
- (e) 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 2ALB-01, 2COR-04, 2COR-08, 2CYS-01, 2CYS-02, 2CYS-03, 2GBE-01, 2GBE-02, 2GBE-03, 2GOS-08, 2GRN-02, 2MDG-01, 2MDG-02, 2MDG-03, 2PEA-02, 2PEA-05, 2RCH-07, 2ROC-05, 2ROC-06, 2WAG-01, 2WAG-02, 2WAG-03, 2WAG-04, 2WLG-06? Please provide on a per premises basis, or for the FSAM as a whole.
- (f) Has NBN Co issued any design contract instructions for fibre in NSW since 8 September 2013? If so, please indicate how many and the estimated premises count.

Answer:

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, 39 contract instructions for build for approximately 94,900 premises have been issued in NSW since 8 September 2013.

FSAM	Estimated Premise Count	Month Issued	Delivery Partner
2HOM-04	2,297	Feb-14	TRANSFIELD
2LID-07	2,528	Feb-14	TRANSFIELD
2LIV-02	3,112	Feb-14	TRANSFIELD

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2LIV-03	2,811	Feb-14	TRANSFIELD
2GOS-07	2,772	Mar-14	CCTS
2BLK-07	2,589	Mar-14	TRANSFIELD
2LIV-04	3,121	Mar-14	TRANSFIELD
2PTH-07	1,974	Mar-14	TRANSFIELD
2BLK-09	2,702	Mar-14	ZINFRA
2BLK-10	2,736	Mar-14	ZINFRA
2MAI-03	2,541	Apr-14	DOWNER EDI
2MAI-11	2,498	Jun-14	DOWNER EDI
2TEE-03	1,957	Jun-14	SILCAR
2COR-05	2,599	Jun-14	SILCAR
2DAP-05	2,392	Jun-14	SILCAR
2WLG-02	2,205	Jun-14	SILCAR
2WLG-03	1,877	Jun-14	SILCAR
2PTH-08	2,347	Jun-14	SILCAR
2LJT-05	2,757	Jun-14	SILCAR
2TEE-05	1,424	Jun-14	SILCAR
2CAM-02	2,901	Aug-14	TRANSFIELD
2DAP-01	184	Aug-14	SILCAR
2DAP-06	2,207	Aug-14	SILCAR
2MYF-01	2,803	Aug-14	DOWNER EDI
2LJT-06	2,750	Sep-14	SILCAR
2TEE-01	2,354	Sep-14	SILCAR
2TEE-06	2,350	Sep-14	SILCAR
2CBT-01	2,765	Sep-14	SILCAR
2LJT-08	2,530	Sep-14	SILCAR
2BLK-11	2,383	Sep-14	DATATEKS
2LID-08	2,547	Sep-14	TRANSFIELD
2COR-06	2,492	Oct-14	SILCAR
2WLG-04	2,166	Oct-14	QC COMMS
2COR-07	2,458	Oct-14	SILCAR
2WLG-08	2,993	Oct-14	SILCAR
2BLK-12	2,583	Oct-14	ZINFRA
2LIV-05	2,444	Oct-14	TRANSFIELD
2CBT-04	2,409	Nov-14	SILCAR
2PTH-09	2,345	Nov-14	SILCAR

(b) Yes

(c) 2COR-08 and 2GOS-08 physical designs are in progress. The remainder of the FSAMs are being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.

(d) 2COR-08 and 2GOS-08 are progressing as fibre to the premises. The remainder are being assessed for optimal multi-technology mix.

(e) 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

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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.

- (f) As at 31 December 2014, 30 design instructions for approximately 78,300 premises have been issued in NSW since 8 September 2013. This includes designs carried out by NBN Co.