

**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: 207**

**Program No. NBN Co**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: SSCNBN QoN 49 - Victoria – 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 Victoria since 8 September 2013.

- (a) How many contract instructions for build (FTTP) have been issued in Victoria 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 Victorian FSAMs: 3GEE-02 and 3TMN-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 3GEE-02 and 3TMN-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 Victoria since 8 September 2013? If so, please indicate how many and the estimated premises count.

**Answer:**

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, 40 contract instructions for build for approximately 91,200 premises have been issued in Victoria since 8 September 2013.

| <b>FSAM</b> | <b>Estimated<br/>Premise<br/>Count</b> | <b>Month<br/>Issued</b> | <b>Delivery Partner</b> |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 3KAL-04     | 2,755                                  | Sep-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3SHP-03     | 2,570                                  | Sep-13                  | DECON                   |
| 3SHP-04     | 2,948                                  | Sep-13                  | DECON                   |
| 3BRU-07     | 1,919                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3BRU-08     | 2,186                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3KAL-02     | 2,607                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3KEY-01     | 2,697                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3KEY-04     | 2,136                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3CTN-03     | 835                                    | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3FSR-07     | 2,594                                  | Nov-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |
| 3FSR-01     | 2,353                                  | Dec-13                  | TRANSFIELD              |

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| 3SMR-08 | 2,499 | Dec-13 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3FSR-05 | 2,343 | Dec-13 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3BRA-07 | 2,195 | Dec-13 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3BRA-08 | 2,246 | Dec-13 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3MLT-10 | 2,466 | Feb-14 | NCS          |
| 3KEY-03 | 2,590 | Mar-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3WER-01 | 2,689 | Apr-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3FSR-04 | 2,239 | Apr-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3BAC-05 | 886   | May-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3CTN-06 | 1,078 | May-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3FSR-06 | 2,577 | Jun-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3KAL-01 | 1,912 | Jun-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3SHP-07 | 2,431 | Jun-14 | DECON        |
| 3SMR-09 | 2,520 | Jul-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3CBN-04 | 2,561 | Jul-14 | VISIONSTREAM |
| 3CBN-05 | 2,896 | Jul-14 | VISIONSTREAM |
| 3KAL-06 | 2,423 | Jul-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3KAL-05 | 2,442 | Jul-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3CBN-06 | 2,679 | Aug-14 | VISIONSTREAM |
| 3CBN-07 | 2,601 | Aug-14 | VISIONSTREAM |
| 3FSR-08 | 1,658 | Sep-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3SHP-01 | 2,581 | Sep-14 | DECON        |
| 3WER-02 | 2,250 | Sep-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3WER-03 | 2,405 | Sep-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3MLT-01 | 1,470 | Sep-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3MTE-01 | 2,607 | Oct-14 | VISIONSTREAM |
| 3BRA-09 | 1,951 | Oct-14 | TRANSFIELD   |
| 3SHP-02 | 2,235 | Nov-14 | DECON        |
| 3SHP-08 | 2,235 | Nov-14 | DECON        |

(b) Yes for 3GEE-02. 3TMN-06 is in progress and yet to be finalised for payment.

(c) No for 3GEE-02 and it is being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix. 3TMN-06 is in progress.

(d) 3GEE-02 is being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.

3TMN-06 is in progress for fibre to the premises subject to a review of design for Melbourne Airport.

(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 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, 28 design instructions for approximately 68,100 premises have been issued in VIC since 8 September 2013. This includes designs carried out by NBN Co.