

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: 208

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: SSCNBN QoN 49 - QLD – 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, 19 contract instructions for build have been issued in Queensland since 8 September 2013.

- (a) How many contract instructions for build (FTTP) have been issued in Queensland 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 Queensland FSAMs: 4ACO-08, 4ASH-01, 4ASH-02, 4ASH-04, 4FRV-02, 4IPS-03, 4NDG-06, 4ROT-01, 4ROT-02, 4ROT-03, 4ROT-04, 4SGI-01, 4SGI-03, 4SGI-06, 4SLA-01, 4SLA-02 and 4SLA-03. 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) As of 22 October 2014, the NBN Co map indicates that these FSAMs have not progressed to build preparation. Has physical design been completed in these FSAMs? If not, why not?
- (d) 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 4ACO-08, 4ASH-01, 4ASH-02, 4ASH-04, 4FRV-02, 4IPS-03, 4NDG-06, 4ROT-01, 4ROT-02, 4ROT-03, 4ROT-04, 4SGI-01, 4SGI-03, 4SGI-06, 4SLA-01, 4SLA-02 and 4SLA-03? 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 Queensland since 8 September 2013? If so, please indicate how many and the estimated premises count.

Answer:

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, 32 contract instructions for build of approximately 60,500 premises have been issued in QLD since 8 September 2013.

FSAM	Estimated Premise Count	Month Issued	Delivery Partner
4APL-02	1,360	Oct-13	VISIONSTREAM
4ACO-01	2,802	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4ACO-02	2,845	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4ACO-04	1,057	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4ACO-05	1	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI

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4ACO-06	32	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4ACO-07	10	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4ACO-03	1,984	Feb-14	DOWNER EDI
4AAR-01	2,752	Apr-14	DOWNER EDI
4AAR-03	2,736	Apr-14	DOWNER EDI
4GUL-07	2,391	Jun-14	SILCAR
4APL-06	2,164	Jun-14	SILCAR
4TOB-11	1,747	Jun-14	SILCAR
4APL-07	1,754	Jun-14	SILCAR
4GDN-07	994	Jun-14	SILCAR
4TNS-07	1,713	Jun-14	SILCAR
4CAI-06	2,458	Jul-14	SILCAR
4KLG-08	2,862	Jul-14	SILCAR
4AAR-02	2,715	Jul-14	DOWNER EDI
4AAR-06	2,785	Jul-14	DOWNER EDI
4TOB-12	1,678	Jul-14	SILCAR
4GDN-08	2,639	Aug-14	SILCAR
4APL-10	2,545	Aug-14	SILCAR
4MKY-05	1,102	Aug-14	SILCAR
4BDB-03	1,484	Sep-14	SILCAR
4APL-08	2,426	Sep-14	SILCAR
4TNS-08	1,675	Sep-14	SILCAR
4EDG-01	2,631	Oct-14	SILCAR
4TNS-09	1,553	Oct-14	SILCAR
4APL-09	2,124	Oct-14	SILCAR
4TOB-10	1,811	Oct-14	SILCAR
4MKY-06	1,679	Nov-14	SILCAR

- (b) Yes
- (c) No. These FSAMs are being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.
- (d) These FSAMs are being assessed for the 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 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 73,700 premises have been issued in QLD since 8 September 2013. This includes designs carried out by NBN Co.