

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 108**

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**Topic: Local Councils – requested switch under Technology Choice Policy**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

How many local councils have requested an area switch from NBN Co under the “Technology Choice” policy to get FTTP rather than FTTN?

- a) Please list the councils that have applied.
- b) Please list which councils have been provided quotes.
- c) Please list the amount of each quote.

**Answer:**

Six Councils have applied for a Technology Choice Area Switch to Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) from Fibre to the Node (FTTN)

- a) Goulburn Mulwaree Council, NSW  
Greater Shepparton City Council, VIC  
Meander Valley Council, TAS (applied for two different areas)  
Rockhampton Regional Council, QLD  
Burnie City Council, TAS  
Flinders Council, SA
- b) No Council has yet proceeded to build quote stage for Area Switch. The below Councils have been provided a cost estimation range to design and build the infrastructure required for the Area Switch.
  - Meander Valley Council (provided for two different areas)
  - Rockhampton Regional Council
  - Burnie City Council
- c) No quotes have been provided to Councils. The above councils have been provided with cost estimate ranges that are developed through a desktop analysis so that the Councils can decide whether they want a formal quote, as per the application process. Further information on the application process is provided on our website at  
<http://www.nbnco.com.au/connect-home-or-business/technology-choice-program/application-process.html>