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Topic: NBN Co's Corporate Plan – HFC and FTTN

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

NBN Co's Corporate Plan 2016 on page 67 states that the cost per premises for FTTN is \$1,600 and for HFC it is \$1,100 (not including infrastructure lease). During the press conference announcing the Corporate Plan, Mr Bill Morrow noted that the difference between the Strategic Review capex estimates and the Corporate Plan forecasts for these technologies was QUOTE “there's about 4 billion on capex that this relates to, and this is an increase predominantly in the CPP [cost per premises] component of these other technologies, because now we've gone into field trials to be able to see exactly how we're going to deploy this and what those costs are.”

- (a) How much of this \$4 billion increase in CPP for HFC and FTTN is attributable to HFC and how much to FTTN?
- (b) What was the increase for FTTN and HFC between the Strategic Review and the Corporate Plan 2016 on a per premises basis (i.e. how should the \$4 billion capex increase be apportioned appropriately for CPP)?
- (c) What was the CPP assumed for FTTN and HFC in the Strategic Review?

Answer:

(a) to (c). The Strategic Review contained a number of redactions on the grounds that release of the information would compromise the ability of **nbn** to operate as a commercial enterprise. Release of the information sought would compromise those redactions.