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Topic: Strategic Review – HFC and FTTN

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

During the press conference announcing the Corporate Plan, Mr Bill Morrow noted that the difference between the Strategic Review HFC and FTTN opex estimates and the Corporate Plan was QUOTE “If you look at some of the operating expenses there's about \$3 billion of increased operating expense with all of this, because we have a better handle now that we have these deals down as to how much we need for activation, how much we need for maintenance of these different networks.”

- (a) How much of this \$3 billion increase in opex for HFC and FTTN is attributable to HFC and how much to FTTN?
- (b) What was the opex increase specifically for FTTN and HFC, on a per premises per year basis, between the Strategic Review and the Corporate Plan 2016?
- (c) What was the opex per premises per year assumed for FTTN and HFC in the Strategic Review?

Answer:

(a) to (c). The Strategic Review did not model Opex in a way that allows a meaningful comparison to the Corporate Plan 2016.