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Topic: NBN Cost-benefit analysis - Costs

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: The NBN cost-benefit analysis was paid for by the department; is that correct?

Mr Robinson: Yes.

Senator CONROY: Remind me of what the exercise cost.

Mr Robinson: I would have to take that on notice.

Senator CONROY: I think it was between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, but perhaps you could give us the exact figure on notice. Page 17 of the CBA states that the starting point for the analysis of the cost of each option was a series of cost models provided by nbn co. Those cost models were developed for nbn co's strategic review; do you remember that?

Mr Robinson: Yes.

Answer:

The total cost of the *Independent cost-benefit analysis of broadband and review of regulation*, or the Vertigan Review, was \$1,476,121 (GST inclusive where applicable). This includes the costs for both *Volume I— National Broadband Network Market and Regulatory Report* and *Volume II – the Costs and Benefits of High Speed Broadband*.