

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings October 2015**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications and the Arts**

**Question No: 19**

**Program 1.1**

**Hansard Ref: Written, 22/10/2015**

**Topic: Briefs for Federal Electorates - planned rollout of the multi-technology mix (MTM)**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

During the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing of 20 October 2015, the Department of Communications and the Arts indicated that it had prepared individual briefs for every federal electorate in Australia on the planned rollout of the multi-technology mix (MTM) over the next three years, on the basis of information from NBN Co's three year construction plan provided by NBN Co. The Department indicated also that state and territory briefs and a national brief had been prepared. For the electorates at Attachment D, please provide the electorate brief prepared by the Department. If for some reason this is not possible, please advise:

- (a) The number of premises ready for service for each access technology in each electorate at the time of finalising the corresponding electorate brief;
- (b) The number of premises active for each access technology in each electorate at the time of finalising the corresponding electorate brief;
- (c) For each electorate, please provide each region in this electorate where NBN construction is scheduled to commence before end Sep 2018, and for each region, please advise the localities in that region where construction is scheduled to commence before end Sep 2018, the estimated number of premises within these localities for which construction will commence before end Sep 2018, the anticipated access technology to be used, and the expected time to commence construction (month, quarter or half year, as appropriate).

**Answer:**

NBN Co publishes updated and detailed information on the National Broadband Network (NBN) for the Australian public on its website [www.nbnco.com.au](http://www.nbnco.com.au).

The briefing material referred to was prepared by the Department for the Minister for Communications and the Arts and his staff in October 2015. The Minister's office has indicated that it would be happy to brief Members of Parliament on the NBN.