

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
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**Question No: 2**

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**Topic: Federal Electorate Briefs**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** Have the briefs been done for every federal electorate in Australia?

**Mr Robinson:** Yes, they have.

**Ms O'Loughlin:** Are you able to table the electorate briefs for us?

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

**Senator URQUHART:** Why?

**Mr Robinson:** The briefing has been provided to the government.

**Senator URQUHART:** But they are on every area around Australia, so why are they not available?

**Senator Fifield:** We will take that on notice. We will have a look at the particular documents and then we will respond to it.

**Senator URQUHART:** If they are available for every electorate around Australia, why are they then not available for every person who represents those electorates?

**Senator Fifield:** We can take a look at that, Senator Urquhart.

**Senator URQUHART:** I understand that you are going to have a look at it, Minister, but I want to know why you cannot, given that—

**Senator Fifield:** I am not saying that we can't. I'm just saying that we will take it on notice.

**Senator URQUHART:** Let's be clear here. They have been developed by the department for every federal electorate in Australia and you are saying that you are not sure whether or not you can actually table that here for the use of every person in Australia.

**Senator Fifield:** There is information about the three-year roll-out plan for everyone in the nation on nbn's websites. Obviously this sort of information is divided up in different ways—by state or by electorate. I will have a look. I will take it on notice and we will respond to the committee.

**Senator URQUHART:** When are you able to do that?

**Senator Fifield:** The laws of physics mean that I cannot occupy two spaces at the same time. So at the first opportunity.

**Senator URQUHART:** I am sure that you have people in your office who could diligently be going through them and providing them during the course of today.

**Senator Fifield:** I have said we will take it on notice.

**Senator URQUHART:** Can you come back and give me a response today as to when we are likely to be able to receive them?

**Senator Fifield:** We will come back to you later today.

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**Answer:**

NBN Co publishes updated and detailed information on the National Broadband Network (NBN) 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.