

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

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Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 20

Program 1.1

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Topic: State and Territory Briefs – 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 following states and territories:

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia

please provide the state 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 state at the time of finalising the corresponding state brief;
- (b) The number of premises active for each access technology in each state at the time of finalising the corresponding state brief;
- (c) For each state, please provide each region in this state 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:

The briefing material referred to was prepared by the Department for the Minister for Communications and the Arts and his office in October 2015.

NBN Co publishes up-to-date, detailed rollout information on its public website at www.nbnco.com.au including the number of premises ready for service, the number which are 'service class zero' where applicable, and the number of premises with an active connection across various technology categories.

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Below is a table containing the premise numbers by state that were at Ready For Service (RFS) and activated for NBN services as of the week ending 15 October 2015.

	Brownfields - Number of Premises RFS	Brownfields - Activated Premises	Greenfields - Number of Premises RFS	Greenfields - Activated Premises	Fixed Wireless - Number of Premises RFS	Fixed Wireless - Activated Premises	Satellite - Activated Premises
ACT	36,071	20,765	7,643	4,788	0	0	22
NSW	238,507	111,632	51,885	32,548	84,305	18,924	12,774
NT	37,260	13,323	4,294	1,919	4,701	971	869
QLD	145,455	71,604	43,800	22,755	62,675	13,566	9,461
SA	60,877	25,166	6,544	2,979	27,124	4,631	2,111
TAS	83,636	35,803	479	127	28,200	8,459	1,918
VIC	189,482	91,306	65,925	40,626	72,009	21,804	4,714
WA	75,134	30,263	32,277	15,683	16,125	2,475	5,045
Total	866,422	399,862	212,847	121,425	295,139	70,830	36,914

* Source: NBN Co website (Week ending 15 October 2015)

The following NBN Co website link details its three year construction plan at state and region level including the 'fibre serving area' (FSA) and the names of suburbs which are included in each FSA. (<http://www.nbnco.com.au/learn-about-the-nbn/three-year-construction-plan.html>).

In addition, NBN Co's Government Relations team is available to provide briefings for Members of Parliament and Senators regarding the status of the rollout in their particular electorates and states.