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**Topic: FTTN Build – Copper Assumptions**

**Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:**

**Senator CONROY:** That is two for Mr Rue. How many metres of copper do you assume you will need to buy for the entire FTTN build?

**Mr Rue:** Senator, that—

**Senator CONROY:** You must have a forecast. You have just produced a three-year plan.

**Mr Rue:** Again, I do not have the answer to that with me.

**Senator CONROY:** Mr Morrow, you tell me you know everything about this company. You do not need anyone other than the two of you to appear before us.

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**Senator CONROY:** So you are unable to find out in the next five hours that we are here, possibly longer, how much copper you have assumed you are going to need?

**Mr Morrow:** We can certainly try to get you the answer before 10 o'clock tonight.

**Answer:**

In light of ongoing negotiations with suppliers, the estimate of the quantity of copper required for the full Fibre to the Node (FTTN) rollout is commercial in confidence.