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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.