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Topic: Broadband Availability – Categories A to E

Senator Bilyk, Catryna asked:

Howden is in category E for fixed broadband availability—the lowest of five categories. Given the government's promise to prioritise the worst-served areas, why was the NBN not delivered to Howden sooner?

Mr Morrow: Again, I think that notion of prioritised service was to do more in the underserved areas than we are doing in the served areas. That is something that we track at a national level and, in fact, are delivering on. It is very much a part of the plan as we go forward.

Senator BILYK: Are you able to give me a breakdown of the premises passed by broadband availability categories A to E for the last two years, by quarter? You might need to take that on notice.

Mr Morrow: Yes, we would have to take that on notice.

Senator BILYK: So the remainder of the rollout plan by quarter, and any premises not yet covered by the rollout plan.

Mr Morrow: *We will take that on notice.*

Answer:

nbn tracks underserved areas categories D and E in aggregate. The table below sets out the actual deployment of underserved areas by Financial Year for fixed line areas only. Please also refer to Exhibit 11 on page 62 of the **nbn** 2016 Corporate Plan, which details the progression of the rollout in underserved areas, to the end of the rollout.

Financial Year	Underserved Premises RFS	Cumulative % deployment
FY13	22,009	1%
FY14	44,803	4%
FY15	58,354	8%