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Topic: MIMA Contracts

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: MIMA contracts—to what extent are those contracts technology agnostic? To what extent will they need to be renegotiated if the technology mix in the MTN changes?

Mr Morrow: We offer those that we developed. We accounted for all the technologies but, again, we have options within those agreements to look at—

Senator CONROY: So if nbn decides to do more FTTP then the MIMA contracts accommodate this? There are no volume restrictions?

Mr Morrow: I will take that on notice.

Senator CONROY: I thought you just indicated that was the case? You said that you had options.

Mr Morrow: No, with the exception of HFC. Can I also update you on a comment you made earlier about the Belmont trial? You commented on how there were four visits required with FTTN to do the installation. That was more than what I had said—it should not require anybody to enter their premises. We did get an update on that. That was actually Telstra, working with the end user to go back to test different modelling of their inside wiring. That is not the rule for how it would work. In fact, we do not have anybody who would go inside the house. In most cases, the RSPs are going to send the set-top box or the modem to the end user, and the end user will plug it into the wall power point themselves, thereby eliminating anybody from going to the premises. We just wanted to correct that perception that you had.

Answer:

MIMA contracts accommodate Fibre to the Premise (FTTP). There are no volume restrictions.