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Question No: 146

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Topic: Skinny Fibre

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Please provide the following information on NBN's skinny fibre trials:

- (a) When did NBN first begin trialling skinny fibre? Please confirm the dates when initial planning first began, and when trials first commenced.
- (b) On what date did NBN first publically disclose it was trialling skinny fibre? Please provide a copy of the disclosure.

Answer:

- (a) Planning commenced on 16 September 2014. Design Trial commenced on 10th February 2015. Construction Trial commenced on 29 June 2015.
- (b) nbn CEO Bill Morrow made reference to the skinny fibre trial in his opening statement to the Senate Select Committee on 15 March 2015, and first made public reference to the possible use of skinny fibre in 2014.