

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16**

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**Senator:** McAllister

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**Question:**

**Senator McALLISTER:** We might have some questions, I think, about program 2.1 and some of the government business enterprises. Can I start with MYEFO and the information that appears there about the NBN and allocations to the NBN company. In the budget papers there was an NBN investment in 2015-16 and 2016-17 that totalled \$16.165 billion in the original budget. In the MYEFO that figure has increased over that same period and is up \$148 million. I was hoping you could provide an explanation for the additional equity being provided to the NBN there.

**Mr Edge:** Senator, we would have to take on notice the exact reasons for that \$148 million variation. Although that sounds like a lot it is a relatively immaterial variation in terms of the equity profiles for the NBN. But we can certainly take on notice the reasons why it is varied in the MYEFO numbers.

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**Senator Cormann:** But the thing is: in the context of a \$29.5 billion overall equity injection, I suspect it will be a timing issue. But why don't we take it on notice. As Mr Edge says, when taken out of context it sounds like a high number but in the context of a \$29.5 billion equity injection it is obviously a comparatively low number.

**Answer:**

No additional equity has been provided. The Government's equity contribution remains at \$29.5 billion. In the financial year 2014-15, NBN Co Limited received \$4.767 billion in equity, compared with \$4.917 billion forecast in the 2015-16 Budget. This underspend (approximately \$0.150 billion) was reallocated to the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years in the 2015-16 MYEFO.