

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Mason asked on 20 October 2011 , Hansard page 62

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Question

NBN Locations

Ms Paul: Yes and the day before yesterday, Ms Bloor said, in addition to that 19, there is an additional 28. Senator MASON: Is that 28 sites? Ms Bloor: New locations. Ms Paul: New locations. Senator MASON: What does that different terminology mean? Ms Bloor: To be precise I would prefer to take it on notice, Senator. It could simply be that there are additional towns being added to what are more general geographic areas.

Answer

The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has been consulted in the preparation of this response.

The terms 'location' and 'site' have similar meaning. These terms indicate that construction is completed, begun or planned in particular areas ('sites' or 'locations'). The terms first and second release sites denoted the areas on the mainland where NBN Co initially planned to rollout its fibre network.

On 18 October 2011, NBN Co released its inaugural 12-month construction outlook. The schedule lists the communities in each state and territory where work is expected to begin by September 2012, as well as where work on the rollout of the network is currently underway. The schedule lists:

- eight locations where construction has been completed
- 19 locations where construction is underway (including extensions of three locations where initial construction is completed)
- 28 new locations where construction will begin by September 2012
- Extensions to 21 existing locations.

A copy of the construction schedule can be found at:

<http://www.nbnco.com.au/assets/media-releases/2011/rollout-update-18-oct-11.pdf>