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In response to the email below and the attached question on notice, I have sought details from member councils as to the practice of developers either laying fibre or providing ducting for the provision of fibre at some later stage.

I would advise that the vast majority of councils do not require developers to provide such infrastructure or provision for the same at this time. There are a few that are in the process of considering the recommendation of fibre and others require ducting to be provided but none specifically require the provision of fibre on the basis of ownership and responsibility considerations. Most consider that it would be beneficial to have such a requirement but there are concerns about the present absence of a legislative head of power that could compel such provision.

I trust that this assists the Committee's information gathering on this subject

Regards

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