SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK
Questions on Notice
Further hearings into the National Broadband Network

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(Teleconference)
City of Onkaparinga *(SA)*
Mr Brian Hales, Group Manager Economic Development *(Teleconference)*

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1	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Selection of sites</u> (a) Did your council apply to have a 'first release' site? RESPONSE: Council through the Southern Adelaide Economic Development Board made a submission to NBNCo to be considered for the early rollout of the national broadband network – it didn't specify a site and was unaware of how the rollout would occur. (b) How did you know that an application was appropriate? RESPONSE: At a briefing for regional stakeholders by the Minister on 10 November 2009 (c) In respect of which areas/sites did you apply? RESPONSE: For the southern region comprising the Cities of Onkaparinga and Marion (d) When did you apply? RESPONSE: The submission was lodged on 26 February 2010 (e) How did you learn of your "success"; when? RESPONSE: Via the media on 2 March 2010	

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2	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Logistical arrangements</u>
			    a. How is the NBN being rolled out in your area; over what timeframe?
			RESPONSE: The briefing by NBNCo on 10 March 2010 indicated a proposed timeframe of infrastructure rollout by August and then a program of network activation and evaluation completed by Late January/early February 2011
			    i. Has there been sufficient consultation/collaboration with the local council over the project?
			RESPONSE: The City of Onkaparinga (senior staff) has been briefed by NBNCo on 10 March 2010 and has liaised with NBNCo's design consultants over the ensuing period. To this point the consultation/collaboration is considered sufficient.
			    ii. Who is co-ordinating the roll-out on the ground and co-ordination of services?
			RESPONSE: Nominated staff from NBNCo and its appointed consultants. From Council, Brian Hales Group Manager Economic Development is coordinating Council's input.
			    iii. Is the roll-out via aerial or underground cabling; how is this being decided?
			RESPONSE: Yet to be determined. NBNCo will develop a proposal.
			    iv. Is new fibre being installed or is existing infrastructure being used?
			        Was there existing infrastructure available?
			 RESPONSE: New fibre will be installed. I don't know if existing infrastructure is available
			    v. Is current regional backhaul sufficient to meet the network's needs?
			RESPONSE: I don't believe so
			    vi. To what extent are local planning policies affected by the NBN roll-out and what measures have you taken to identify and address these?
			RESPONSE: Council staff have provided advice on what constitutes development for the purposes of planning approval and has also highlighted issues relevant to approvals including heritage issues. At this point it is advice only to assist NBNCo in preparing design options. It will be for NBNCo to address these issues.
			    vii. Is the speed of the roll-out appropriate?
			RESPONSE: Council is unable to advise on this – at this point we are pleased to have Willunga chosen for the rollout
			    viii. When is rollout scheduled to be complete; how do you know this; and is there an agreed time plan for rollout?
			RESPONSE: The briefing by NBNCo on 10 March 2010 indicated a proposed timeframe of infrastructure rollout by August and then a program of network activation and evaluation completed by Late January/early February 2011. This is indicative only and there is no agreement not that Council would be a party to an agreement.	

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3	Additional Question	Fisher	<u>Publicity and information</u> a. To what extent is information about the NBN being communicated to future end-users; by whom, how and when? RESPONSE: A community consultation program is being prepared by NBNCo and is proposed to be rolled out by NBNCo in mid May 2010. The program is not finalised.	