



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

Public hearing on Monday 4 June 2018 (Sydney)
Questions on Notice—NSW Farmers

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| 1 | <p>CHAIR: Just a quick one on the size of your membership base in New South Wales.</p> <p>Ms O'Keefe: I don't know. Isabella, do you know that off the top of your head?</p> <p>Ms McDougall: I do know that, but we don't make that public.</p> <p>CHAIR: You don't make that public. Is that because you don't want us to know how many people you have that are members of NSW Farmers?</p> <p>Ms McDougall: I can take that on notice and can come back to you with that information.</p> <p>CHAIR: That would be good. Do you know, therefore, what proportion of your members are on the NBN?</p> <p>Ms McDougall: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: Could you find out? Is that possible? It may not be.</p> <p>Ms McDougall: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: It's a standard question for any member organisation: who do you represent; what's the scope of that representation?</p> | 15 | The NSW Farmers' Association is Australia's largest State farming organisation representing the interests of its approximately 8000 farmer members. Members are engaged through a network of 149 regional branches and issue-and commodity-specific Advisory Committees, which are elected annually by the membership. NSW Farmers' Association is a founding member of the National Farmers' Federation. |
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