

Department of Finance

Response to Question on Notice

JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Commonwealth Financial Statements - Auditor-General's report No 24 (2017-18)

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SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1 (Hansard Proof, Page 4)

At a point in time now, or at the most recent point where data is available, how much equity has been put in and what is the total of government's contributions (both equity and all the other contributions such as loans that have been drawn down) to the NBN, and what is the valuation of the NBN?

Response

All of the \$29.5 billion equity contribution has been drawn by NBN. The last drawdown occurred on 29 September 2017.

As at 1 October 2018, \$7.3 billion of the \$19.5 billion Commonwealth commercial loan has been drawn by NBN.

The Department of Communications and the Arts has valued NBN in their 2016-17 Annual Report, tabled in the House of Representatives on 19 October 2017 and tabled in the Senate on 13 November 2017, at \$16.025 billion (page 115 of the 2016-17 Annual Report refers).

Question 2 (Hansard Proof, Page 4)

Prospectively, based on what is known, what is the projected draw-down of the loans and contribution of equity to the NBN, and is there any sense of the likely valuation as that occurs?

Response

The entire \$29.5 billion equity commitment has been provided to NBN.

The remainder of the \$19.5 billion Commonwealth commercial loan is expected to be fully drawn between now and 2020-21.

The Department of Communications and the Arts is required to value NBN each year as part of its audited financial accounts.