

## Answers to Questions taken on notice at hearing on 28 July 2011 from Capgemini Australia

### Questions on notice were:

1) **Mrs Oldham:** Are you asking if the government or the industry are already doing this?

**CHAIR:** It is less about directly funding applications alongside the NBN. If your argument is they are not doing that and they should, by not doing that are you seeing anything in your travels that would suggest there is organic growth alongside the NBN?

**Mrs Oldham:** I might answer that in two parts. I may take it on notice and come back with more, because we have been doing some significant research. What we have found to date is many press announcements by local councils and business forums, but we as yet cannot find evidence of that activity developing into anything.

### **Answer:**

We have completed further investigations into this, however we cannot specifically locate new applications that are being built to sit at the end of the NBN. This may however be more to do with the way in which people are marketing the initiatives that they are developing.

2) going back to the training issue and the skills shortage, you said that the industry is getting the graduate students by going to the universities early. But you also talked about a decline in university places. I was not sure whether it was a decline in the number of places being offered or a decline in the demand for those places by the universities. So, if it is not so much about whether you are getting in early and getting these graduates from the universities and the other training programs, where is the problem with the decline? Is it the demand, or is it that the universities are not offering the places?

**Mrs Oldham:** I am happy to take that on notice. We did not actually go that far in our research. We just looked at the declining number of graduates coming out at the other end

**Mrs D'ATH:** Okay. It would be interesting to know whether there is a decline in the demand for places as in, again, ICT jobs are not being seen as—

### **Answer :**

One of our researchers have reviewed available information and the statistics may be best updated with more recent data. Below are some samples of WA and SA data.

2000 -2004 saw University places in ICT in South Australia drop by 50%

2000-2004 saw University places in ICT in WA drop by 38%

The graduates from these placements would be work ready by 2008 at a minimum