



NBN Co. to appear at hearing for six monthly review of NBN rollout

The Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network will hold its first hearing in Sydney on 16 May 2011 on the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The NBN is a \$35.9 Billion Government infrastructure program with the objective of making high speed internet services available to all Australian premises by 2020. The NBN will reach 93 per cent of premises through a fibre network, with the remaining 7 per cent of premises to receive internet services via fixed wireless and satellite. The NBN is currently in its trial phase in selected sites across all Australian jurisdictions with a commercial service expected to commence in September 2011.

NBN Co. is the Government Business Enterprise responsible for managing the rollout of the new NBN and is in negotiations with Telstra to become the new wholesale provider of telecommunication services for Australia.

Committee Chair, Mr Oakeshott said "The committee has been appointed to inquire into the NBN rollout and report every six months to the Parliament and its stakeholder Ministers."

"Over the course of its ongoing review, the committee will examine the NBN rollout including: the fibre, fixed wireless and satellite network, the achievement of take-up targets, network rollout performance, and any other matter relevant to the rollout", Mr Oakeshott said.

The committee is expected to report by 31 August 2011.

DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Monday, 16 May 2011, Waratah Room, NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street, SYDNEY

9.30 am – 11.00 am	NBN Co.
11.45 am – 12.45 pm	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Department of Finance and Deregulation
2.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

Audio of the hearing will be available at: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

For media comment: please contact the Chair's Office on 0429 787 320.

Further information about the review is available: by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 2322 via email jcnbn@aph.gov.au or by visiting the committee's webpage at: www.aph.gov.au/jcnbn