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Senator Conroy asked:

So they are still receiving the \$300 million. 'Not material' is an important commercial term. To complete the 30,000, you said, that—

Mr Brown: Thirty-six thousand premises.

Senator Conroy: Thirty-six thousand. Does that include the ones that were done by Aurora the first time? I am just trying to not double-count on you.

Mr Brown: Sure.

Senator Conroy: So is that 36,000 of the 225,000 that were contracted to do? That is just so I am not unfair in the characterisation I will ultimately get to.

Mr Brown: The 36,000 is a subset of work package for contract we provide.

Senator Conroy: Okay. How many have Visionstream already completed—in other words, not the work that was done by Aurora in those first three sites in Tassie?

Mr Brown: Bear with me as I calculate that number for you. Within scope, the contract is approximately 20—

Senator Conroy: They have done 20?

Mr Brown: We have passed 33,000 premises in Tasmania, of which approximately 27,000 are part of the contract with VPL.

Senator Conroy: Okay-27,000?

Mr Brown: Approximately. We can reconfirm those numbers.

Senator Conroy: I will not hold you to that. That is a rough approximation. If you are able to identify it more clearly, that would be great.

Answer:

As at 24 February 2014, in Tasmania; Brownfield's premises passed: 33,342. Of these 20,651 were delivered by Visionstream.