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Topic: Kensington Exchange

Senator Ludlam, Scott asked:

Senator LUDLAM: I certainly would not ask you to speak for Telstra. Is the Kensington exchange in your rollout plan? Do you have any idea how many people might be stranded under similar circumstances? I am having a strong feeling of déjà vu as I am putting my question to you.

Mr Morrow: I am sure that Kensington exchange is in the program, every area within the country is. I am not aware of how many people are trying to get ports but cannot on the DSL.

Senator LUDLAM: Can you get a read for us as to how far away you think your teams are from that particular exchange? Telstra is telling them 2018, but I would rather hear it directly from you.

Mr Morrow: We will take that on notice and find out.

Senator LUDLAM: If you could. This guy lives three kilometres from the CBD of Australia's second largest city—and it is not that they have a slow collection; they have no connection at all.

Mr Morrow: Right.

Senator LUDLAM: Anything you can do? I can provide you with a little bit more specific information on notice if that would assist.

Mr Morrow: Yes, please.

Answer:

The current Three Year Rollout Plan available on nbn's website indicates that in the Kensington area, construction for the various technologies is scheduled to commence for Hybrid Fibre Coaxial in the first half of 2017 and for fibre to the node in the first half of 2018.

These schedules are subject to review.