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Topic: FTTP connections - fibre on demand

Senator Conroy, Stephen asked:

Senator CONROY: I am happy for you to take this one on notice. Could you tell us if there have been any FTTP connections through the technology choice fibre on demand? I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Mr Morrow: I'll do that.

Senator CONROY: Mr Rue, what is the electricity cost of running each node? Now you have enough up and running, have you got an indication yet?

Mr Rue: I do not have that with me.

Senator CONROY: Coming back to the Prime Minister stating that the FTTN rollout will be at scale by mid-2014—

Senator LUDLAM: Before you move on, Mr Rue, did you take that one on notice about the power consumption at the nodes? You said you did not have it and hand.

Mr Rue: I will take that on notice, I am sorry.

Answer:

Yes, there have been three fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) connections through the technology choice program.

The electricity cost of running a node depends on the actual port size and the number of active users per node. Current indication is that costs fall within the range of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per node per annum.