

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

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**Question No: 135**

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**Topic: Design partner TCS**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Referring to nbn co design partner TCS (Tata Consultancy Services):

- (a) When did nbn co issue the first design contract to TCS?
- (b) How many contracts for design, covering how many premises, have been issued to TCS to date?
- (c) How many SAM designs issued to TCS to date have been approved by NBN Co for which contracts have been issued for build? Please indicate with reference to the number of premises.
- (d) How long, on average, is the design process for FTTN taking with TCS?
- (e) Are designs issued to TCS submitted to TCS in India?

**Answer:**

- (a) The first design contract with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was issued on 7 May 2015.
- (b)-(e) The specific details of the contract with TCS are commercial-in-confidence.