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Topic: Data consumption trends

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

NBN Co periodically releases data consumption trends (e.g. 2015 Financial Results Presentation).

- (a) What is NBN Co's latest estimate of total data consumption on the NBN fibre-to-the-premises network compared to the latest Australian average for fixed broadband (per Australian Bureau of Statistics data)?
- (b) What is NBN Co's latest estimate of total data consumption on the NBN fibre-to-the-node network compared to the latest Australian average for fixed broadband (per Australian Bureau of Statistics data)?
- (c) What is NBN Co's latest estimate of total data consumption on the NBN fibre-to-the-basement network compared to the latest Australian average for fixed broadband (per Australian Bureau of Statistics data)?

Answer:

nbn measures data consumption based on the utilisation across all technologies and has not separated out estimates per technology. This is because all technologies connect back to the POI where customers interface with nbn and data is measured at this point. The current estimate of total data consumption for January 2016 is 128 Gigabytes (GB) per user.

The Australian average for fixed broadband as per Australian Bureau of Statistics is 69 GB (as at 30 June 2015).