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**Topic: Rollout in Devonport**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** I would certainly expect to have a better answer than what you have provided, so thank you. My last question is in relation to the rollout in Devonport, which I have asked about before. The local member, Brett Whiteley, has previously suggested that Devonport would have had the NBN by Christmas last year. He put out a press released on 9 December 2014 saying that it would 'most likely be finished by Christmas 2015', and that obviously did not happen. Could you advise the status of the Devonport rollout as it stands now? Has any construction actually started and, if so, where is it happening?

**Mr Morrow:** I will take that on notice. I do not have the specific details now.

**Answer:**

As at 29 February 2016, construction has commenced in three of the four Serving Area Modules (SAMs) in the Devonport Fibre Serving Area (FSA). Localities covered by these SAMs include Devonport, Don, and Stony Rise.

The final SAM is forecast to begin construction in March 2016. Localities covered by these SAMs include Miandetta, Quoiba, Spreyton, Stony Rise, Tugrah, and Aberdeen.