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**Topic: Suburbs in South Australia - completion outline**

**Senator Simms, Robert asked:**

**Senator SIMMS:** My understanding is that there were 47 suburbs that were scheduled to be completed in South Australia in 2015. Do you know which ones of these were completed on time, or have they all been completed on time?

**Mr Morrow:** That were scheduled to be completed by when?

**Senator SIMMS:** By 2015.

**Mr Morrow:** I would have to check that for you as well.

**Senator SIMMS:** If you could, that would be great. It is my understanding that 72 South Australian suburbs have been scheduled to be connected during the first quarter of 2016. Are you able to advise how many of the 72 suburbs have been completed, or do you want to take that on notice?

**Mr Morrow:** I will take that on notice as well.

**Senator SIMMS:** Okay. What about the City of Adelaide—where is that at in terms of connectivity to the network?

**Mr Morrow:** I know that progress is being made there. From one of the reports that we had—we happen to have a board member who is from Adelaide—I recall that it is going all right, but I would like to get the facts for you, to be absolutely certain. You are just asking how far the rollout has gone within the city itself?

**Senator SIMMS:** That is right.

**Mr Morrow:** We will take that on notice.

**Senator SIMMS:** So you are not able to give me any indication tonight in terms of how it is progressing?

**Mr Morrow:** I may be able to. How long are you going to be here?

**Senator SIMMS:** I do not have much to go, so—

**Mr Morrow:** Let us see if the team in the back here can get a quick answer for you.

**Answer:**

The document that Senator Simms is referring to actually shows the estimated timeframe for when construction is due start in areas covering those suburbs. It does not show when those areas are scheduled to be completed.

In regard to the greater Adelaide city area, nbn services are currently available to approximately 35,000 premises, with construction currently underway for a further 18,000 premises.