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**Question No: 19** 

**Program No. Australian Broadcasting Corporation** 

Hansard Ref: In writing

**Topic: NBN Stories** 

#### Senator Urquhart asked:

At the hearing Mr Scott said, "We have said that we have produced over 150 NBN stories across radio and television news and current affairs and online since September last year." Please provide a list of all the NBN stories Mr Scott was referring to.

#### **Answer:**

The Managing Director's response at the hearing was based on a summary provided by each area of the News Division.

ABC News and Current Affairs coverage of the NBN since September 2013 has included:

#### Radio Current Affairs (AM, PM, The World Today)

• Radio Current Affairs programs have produced 23 stories on the NBN. In the main, these stories have been about policy, governance and business aspects of the NBN.

#### TV News

- TV News has produced 14 stories on the NBN, which ran on 7pm News bulletins and on News 24.
- As the test rollout site, Tasmania alone has produced 28 rollout-related stories on the NBN (some of which have run nationally).

#### TV Current Affairs

- *Lateline* has run five items on the NBN, including an interview with Malcolm Turnbull on April 10, 2014 and an interview with Stephen Conroy on October 14, 2013.
- 730 (ACT) ran one story on the NBN.
- The Business ran an interview with telco expert John Cioffi.

#### Radio News

- Radio News has run dozens of stories about the NBN.
- Because Radio News stories are generated mainly by regional and state-based reporters, the Radio News coverage has largely been about the NBN rollout in particular locations.

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#### News Online

- News Online has posted more than 130 stories on the NBN. The articles have been posted from regional, state and national output areas.
- The stories posted from the regions and states mostly focused on the rollout of the NBN, such as the construction process, political debate and community concerns.
- The stories posted from the national news desk have been mainly about Government policy, business and changes to the NBN board.

The following list of stories from ABC News Online comes from a range of News programs and bulletins:

1. Telecommunications carriers worried change of government may slow down NBN rollout.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-09/telcos-worried-election-may-slowdown-nbn-rollout/4946668

2. Former Telstra chief executive Ziggy Switkowski tipped to become new head of NBN Co.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-10/ziggy-switkowski-tipped-to-head-nbn/4947470

3. Liberal leader expects faster NBN rollout in Tasmania.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-10/hodgman-expects-faster-nbn-rollout-intasmania/4947774

4. University student gets 110,000 signatures in petition to scrap Coalition's National Broadband Network plan.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-10/university-student-petition-to-scrap-nbn-takes-off-online/4949372

5. Malcolm Turnbull rejects online petition to keep Labor's NBN plan, saying democracy has spoken.

http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-12/malcolm-turnbull-labels-anti-nbn-petition-reckless/4954858

6. NBN Co awaits guidance on any rollout changes.

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http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-23/nbn-co-board-offers-to-resign/4973922

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http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-09-27/poor-education-levels-impacting-cessnock-region-skills/4984404

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http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-07/community-group-fights-for-shire-wide-nbn/5002162

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