

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

NBN Co Limited

Question No: 289

Program No. NBN Co Limited

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Strategic Review

Senator Urquhart asked:

Section 6.2 goes through an equally long list of medium term projects. For each of the following has the action commenced, is it on schedule and when will it be completed?

- a. The necessary analysis to confirm future funding requirements and develop a future funding strategy with Government.
- b. A new Corporate Plan.
- c. Define a new operating mode.
- d. Define the optimal multi-technology approach, related deployment plan and upgrade path as guided by a revised set of network design criteria.
- e. Conclude negotiations to vary the Telstra DAs and/or the Optus HFC Agreement.
- f. ACCC approval for any amendments to the Telstra DAs and the Optus HFC Agreement.
- g. ACCC approval in respect of any appropriate variations to the SAU.
- h. Legislative and regulatory changes to provide powers to NBN Co, for example, with respect to Body Corporates, MDU access, and utility infrastructure access.
- i. Changes to the Low Impact Facilities regime to enable the efficient rollout of the NBN.
- j. Potential revision to a number of Ministerial directions and policy.
- k. Revision to a number of new and existing Communication Alliance and ACMA codes and standards.
- l. Changes to the construction delivery model that will be required to execute the optimised multi-technology approach.

Answer:

Each of the items listed above is being considered and actioned as appropriate; however, in many cases these are not discrete actions and are in fact inter-related and/or inter-dependent. NBN Co is working closely with Government, industry and other stakeholders on these issues and to ensure that the outcomes of the various reviews are incorporated appropriately so that the Multi-Technology Mix is implemented as quickly and efficiently as possible.