

**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: 291**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Rollout**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

I refer to the three year and one year NBN Co rollout plans:

- a. Is NBN Co required under its Special Access Undertaking to publish a three-year construction rollout plan on or before 31 March of each year?
- b. Is NBN Co required under its Special Access Undertaking to publish a rolling one-year rollout plan on a quarterly basis?
- c. Did NBN Co provide a three year construction rollout plan in May 2013? If so, has NBN Co any evidence that this plan was prepared on anything other than the company's intention for the rollout at the time?
- d. Did NBN Co advise the ACCC on 2 April 2014 that it would not be providing them as required by 31 March 2014?
- e. In that letter did NBN Co advise that it will "use its best endeavours to complete and provide these plans as soon as possible"?
- f. When does NBN Co expect to provide these plans?
- g. When the plans are provided to access seekers will they be provided to the public, consistent with previous practice?

**Answer:**

- a. Yes.
- b. Yes.
- c. No.
- d. NBN Co wrote to the ACCC on 31 March 2014, not 2 April 2014 (that was the date on which the ACCC published NBN Co's letter).
- e. Yes.
- f. As soon as possible.
- g. No, these plans are intended for and provided to Access Seekers. NBN Co's website provides public information about the progress of the NBN's rollout via interactive maps.