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Topic: Regional Backbone Blackspots Program (RBBP)

Senator Canavan asked:

Senator CANAVAN: This is on page 24 of your portfolio budget statement in program 1.1. It says 'National Broadband Network Regional Backbone Blackspots Program' and there is funding right through to 2017-18, although it is a bit lower in that out year. What is that funding for? It runs at \$10.8 million, \$9.1 million and drops to \$7.8 million.

Ms Grainger: I will need to take that on notice and come back to you with a response. Potentially, it is with regard to the value of the asset—the IRU, indefeasible right of use as an asset—but I will come back to you on that.

Answer:

The figures represent the estimated depreciation/amortisation expenses and the expensing of the lease prepayment.