

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 202**

**Program No. NBN Co**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contract instruction for physical design for a fibre service area module in The Rock, NSW (2TRK-01).**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In 2013, NBN Co issued a contract instruction for physical design for a fibre service area module in The Rock, NSW (2TRK-01).

- (a) Did NBN Co honour the contract issued for physical design issued for 2TRK-01? (i.e. was the delivery partner(s) paid for this work?)
- (b) The Strategic Review indicates that the cost of physical design, EAC, is \$127 per premise (Exhibit 2-26, page 52). What was the cost for physical design for 2TRK-01? Please provide on a per premises basis, or for the FSAM as a whole.
- (c) Is NBN Co using fixed wireless to serve the footprint of 2TRK-01?
- (d) How many fixed wireless towers serve this footprint?

**Answer:**

- (a) Yes.
- (b) NBN Co maintains that the value of the physical design costs is commercially confidential between NBN Co and its delivery partners. If this information was to be released it could cause harm to NBN Co (and hence the Australian taxpayer) by putting it at a commercial disadvantage when dealing with other suppliers.
- (c) Yes.
- (d) One.