

**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: 205**

**Program No. NBN Co**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: SSCNBN QoN 49 - ACT – July 2014**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

According to NBN Co's answer to Question on Notice No. 49 from the 11 July hearing of the Senate Select Committee, excluding Queanbeyan, one contract instruction for build has been issued in the ACT since 8 September 2013 (9CVI-02, issued in January 2014).

- (a) How many contract instructions for build (FTTP) have been issued in the ACT since 8 September 2013 based on the most recent available information? Please provide FSAM identifier, estimated premises count, month of issue, and relevant delivery partner.
- (b) As of 22 October 2014, there is currently no brownfields fibre construction in the ACT, excluding Queanbeyan. Why is there no brownfields fibre rollout activity in the ACT at this time?
- (c) Prior to the election, NBN Co had issued contract instructions for physical design in the following ACT FSAMs: 9BLC-01, 9BLC-02, 9CVI-03, 9CVI-04, 9CVI-05 and 9CVI-06. Did NBN Co honour the contracts for physical design issued for these FSAMs? (i.e. was the delivery partner(s) paid for this work?)
- (d) As of 22 October 2014, the NBN Co map indicates that these FSAMs have not progressed to build preparation. Has physical design been completed in these FSAMs? If not, why not?
- (e) Please indicate whether any of the FSAMs are scheduled to receive fibre-to-the-premises access technology.
- (f) 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 9BLC-01, 9BLC-02, 9CVI-03, 9CVI-04, 9CVI-05 and 9CVI-06? Please provide on a per premises basis, or for the FSAMs as a whole.
- (g) Has NBN Co issued any design contract instructions for fibre in the ACT since 8 September 2013? If so, please indicate how many and the estimated premises count.

**Answer:**

- (a) As at 31 December 2014, five contract instructions for build for approximately 15,300 premises have been issued in ACT since 8 September 2013.

	<b>Estimated</b>		
	<b>Premise</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Delivery</b>
<b>FSAM</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Partner</b>
9CVI-02	4,582	Jan-14	QC COMMS
9QBN-03	2,826	Feb-14	QC COMMS
9QBN-04	2,945	May-14	QC COMMS
9QBN-06	2,638	Jul-14	QC COMMS
9QBN-05	2,363	Dec-14	QC COMMS

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- (b) Besides the aforementioned Queanbeyan areas, the ACT region is being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.
- (c) Yes
- (d) No. These FSAMs are being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.
- (e) These FSAMs are being assessed for the optimal multi-technology mix.
- (f) 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.
- (g) No.