

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2013**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 210**

**Program No. NBN Co**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Forward program to June 2014**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Dr Switkowski told the Committee that “For me, the priority right now is not how many premises are passed or how many FSAMs are published on a map; the priority is restoring balance to and confidence in the entire supply chain, from design through construction to activation of service, right across the nation. We are working closely with the government to make sure that this is front and centre of our efforts as the company works through the strategic review.” Can NBN Co advise the forward program through to June 2014 for providing additional “build instructions” to restore “balance and confidence” in the supply chain? Have orders been placed for material required for these instructions?

**Answer:**

Material orders are being placed for all build orders in the short term. Forecast orders are being placed in accordance with established lead times for contracted work.