

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: NBN Rollout

REFERENCE: Written Question - Senator Ryan

QUESTION No.: BI-98

I refer to a media release from the Minister for Small Business on Friday 30 March 2012 titled "NBN Rollout Great News for Small Business". The release says: "The NBN will dramatically lower the barriers to entry for entrepreneurs and new enterprises wherever they choose to do business – in central Sydney, Subiaco, St Marys or Salisbury.

1. Can the department please provide research that it has had commissioned, or that has been undertaken by the department regarding the impact of the NBN on small business.
2. Has DIISRTE contributed to Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy towards assessment of the impact of NBN on small business in any way?

ANSWER

1. The department has not commissioned research regarding the impact of the NBN on small business.
2. The department has not contributed to the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy's (DBCDE) assessment of any measured impact of the NBN on small business.