

**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-99

The Office of Best Practice Regulation lists a report – ‘Regulatory Changes to Facilitate the Rollout of The National Broadband Network and other Next Generation Broadband Networks’. Small business is not mentioned in this report at all.

- a) So if it’s not in the Department of Broadband and Communication’s report – is there anywhere we can find a contribution to the impact the NBN will have on small business?
- b) What studies/work has been done looking at the costs of SMEs and the rollout of NBN?

**ANSWER**

- a) The ‘Regulatory Changes to Facilitate the Rollout of The National Broadband Network and other Next Generation Broadband Networks’ report deals with amendments to legislative instruments to facilitate the rollout of the National Broadband Network (NBN) and other national next-generation broadband networks. It includes discussion of the impact of the rollout on a range of stakeholders, including business end-users.
- b) Questions about the report and costs related to the NBN rollout should be directed to the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.