

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

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Question: SBT 3

Topic: Broadband Snapshots

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Senator Conroy asked:

The ACCC's broadband snapshots do not appear to collect data from wireless broadband providers, such as Unwired, Personal Broadband Australia or iQ Connect. Unwired have publicly claimed 36,000 customers in Sydney; is there a reason why you cannot collect that one?

Mr Cosgrave – I am not sure I agree with the premise of the question, but I would have to take it on notice.

Answer:

The ACCC has invited various wireless broadband providers to provide data for the Broadband Snapshot in the past, but to date none have forwarded data to the ACCC. However, the ACCC has received data on wireless broadband take-up following our most recent requests, which will be included in the *Snapshot of Broadband Deployment as at 30 September 2005*.