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Senator Coonan asked:

What were they? What were the assumptions about the take-up rates?

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How can that possibly be commercially-in-confidence—the projected take-up rate for a project to build a network at taxpayers' expense?

Answer:

The up to \$43 billion preliminary cost estimate to build the National Broadband Network assumed, consistent with the Government's objective, 90 per cent take-up rates for connections to the network using fibre to the premise technology, with the remaining take-up to be achieved through wireless and satellite technology. Take-up rates are to be further considered in the Implementation Study.