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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Senator Coonan asked:

Senator Coonan—Has any analysis been done on the effect of legislation currently before parliament in relation to the NBN on competitive neutrality, including that the proposed legislation as it currently sits compels the provision of network information of carriers and utilities for a period of 10 years for use by the NBN Co in the rollout?

Mr Lewis—I will need to take that on notice. There may have been such analysis conducted. I am just not aware of it.

Answer:

The Explanatory Memorandum for the *Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (National Broadband Network Measures—Network Information) Bill 2009* provides analysis on competitive neutrality issues arising from the Bill.