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Topic: New Copper

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

At the Senate estimates hearing of 20 October 2015, NBN Co indicated that it had procured 1.8 million metres of new copper at a cost of \$14 million. It also indicated that the average amount of copper needed for each node to connect to a pillar was 350 metres.

- (a) what is NBN Co's working assumption of the average amount of copper needed for each node to connect to a pillar for the life of the FTTN build?
- (b) What is NBN Co's current estimate of the amount of new copper (in metres) it will need to roll out FTTN/B to 4.5 million premises?
- (c) What is NBN Co's current estimate of the amount it will spend on new copper to roll out FTTN/B to 4.5 million premises?

Answer:

(a) In work to date, the working assumption for the average metres of copper cable needed to connect a pillar to a Fibre to the Node (FTTN) is 350 metres.

(b) and (c)

Due to ongoing supplier negotiations, the estimated cost and distance of new copper for the full FTTN rollout is commercial in confidence.