

**Question on Notice
No. 1236
Asked on 15 September 2009**

MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the National Broadband Network (NBN)—

Who were the two consultants shortlisted (according to a statement on 12 June 2009) to help with the NBN bid and has a consultant been hired to prepare the Queensland bid for the NBN headquarters?

ANSWER:

In June 2009, the Broadband Development Office within the Department of Public Works explored the option of engaging a consultant to assist in the formulation of a plan to use existing infrastructure as the foundation for an accelerated rollout of the Queensland sector of the NBN to benefit all Queenslanders.

Responses were received from the market, but due to the rapidly changing NBN environment, it was decided that it was not appropriate to proceed with such work and no consultants were engaged.

On 5 August 2009, the Queensland Proposition for establishing the National Broadband Network (NBN) Company head office in Brisbane was presented to the Executive Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the NBN Company and to the Office of the Prime Minister on behalf of the Premier and Minister for the Arts.

The Queensland Proposition was prepared by the Broadband Development Office and no consultants were hired to assist in the process.