

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2015**

Question

In response to question 8540 on 25th November 2014 the Minister provided an update on the status of the delivery of Gigabit Jersey (Homes and Business) connections against the following three project elements:

- 1) Core Network Equipment – 100% complete
- 2) Premises Passed Network – 98% complete
- 3) Premises Connected – 33% complete

With the first 2 elements of the project now virtually completed will the Minister, as shareholder representative, confirm:

- a) The total amount spent on the project to date;
- b) The total amount spent to date on each of the three elements of the project as identified above; and
- c) Why the stated number of properties now targeted for connection under ‘Premises Connected’ totals, as given on 25th November 2014, of 34,875 now differs from the 44,000 homes originally targeted to be connected as part of the Ministerial funding approval in 2011 and the 52,000 homes referred to by the Chief Executive Officer of Jersey Telecom in the Jersey Evening Post on 17th August 2013?

Answer

Part a) and b)

Network element	Spend to date
Core Network Equipment	£8.3m
Premises Passed Network	£15.1m
Premises Connected Network	£8.6m
Total	£32.0m

Part c)

The Minister is advised that the difference between the original business case (44,000) and the updated 2013 business case (34,875) relates to JT’s decision to focus on broadband connections and to leave JT voice-only subscribers until a later phase. The Minister is advised that the change in project delivery was explained in detail to States members at a presentation by JT on 4 March 2013 (at the Pomme d’Or Hotel) and to the Public Accounts Committee on 10 June 2013, as well as in answers to States questions since the programme was started.

JT has advised the Minister that the Jersey Evening Post reference of 52,000 is not a quoted remark of the Chief Executive Officer. It is clear from the article that the journalist confused the Premises Passed and Premises Connected elements of the rollout.