UP FRONT

NBN COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

Federal parliament has established the Joint Committee on the National Broadband Network to investigate and report on the rollout of the NBN. Chaired by Rob Oakeshott (Lyne, NSW) and with Yvette D'Ath (Petrie, Qld) as deputy chair, the committee is required to provide from 31 August 2011 six-monthly progress reports on the NBN rollout.

The progress reports, to both houses of parliament and relevant ministers, will continue until the NBN is complete and operational. Issues to be covered in the reports include achievement of take up targets, network rollout performance, and the NBN Co's strategy for engaging with consumers and handling complaints.

For more information visit www.aph. gov.au/jcnbn or email jcnbn@aph.gov. au or phone (02) 6277 2322.



ROLLOUT REVIEW: Regular reports will be delivered on the NBN. Photo: Newspix



UP IN THE AIR: Cabin crew changes examined. Photo: Thinkstock

REVIEW OF CABIN CREW NUMBERS

The ratio of cabin crew on aircraft is being reviewed by the House of Representatives Infrastructure Committee, at the request of Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese.

Under current arrangements, operators of Australian domestic aircraft carrying between 15 and 216 passengers must carry at least one cabin crew member for each 36 passengers. But the Civil Aviation Safety Authority is proposing to amend this to a 1:50 ratio for aircraft carrying between 20 and 216 passengers.

The committee's review is considering the factors that determine the cabin crew ratio, including the role of cabin crew in managing passenger safety and security.

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CYBER SAFETY SURVEY

Young internet users have been asked about their online experiences, knowledge and concerns in two surveys conducted as part of a parliamentary committee investigation into cyber safety.

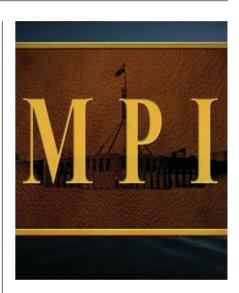
The Joint Select Committee on Cyber-Safety will use the survey results to help formulate its recommendations and report.

The committee has received more than 120 submissions to its inquiry. Recent public hearings have featured representatives from Facebook, Yahoo!7, Principals Australia and the Australian Federal Police.

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FEEDBACK: Cyber safety survey seeks youth input. Photo: Thinkstock



MPI ON TV

A new television program focusing on the highlights of parliamentary sitting weeks is being produced by the Australian parliament. MPI (Matters of Public Importance) is broadcast on the Australian Public Affairs Channel (A-PAC) with replays available at: www.aph.gov.au/ath

MPI focuses on debates held, legislation before parliament, committee investigations, including public hearings, and events at Parliament House in Canberra.

This is the second TV program produced by federal parliament. The About the House program is broadcast on Sky News and focuses on investigations being undertaken by parliamentary committees. Segments of the About the House program are also available at: www.aph.gov.au/ath