

**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**  
**ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR DECISION-MAKING FOR THE DELIVERY OF**  
**MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE, CONTRACTING OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND/OR THE**  
**PRIVATISATION OF PUBLIC ASSETS IN NSW**

**NSW SES Responses to Questions on Notice**

**Transcript – Page 24:**

**The CHAIR:** I understand. From a cost perspective, do you have a sense of the additional cost that has been incurred by your agency in having to keep the legacy systems going?

**STEPHEN McROBERT:** As I said, our focus has been more on the innovation and the value-add technologies. But there has been money put into our existing networks in the hundreds of thousands. We can take that on notice to give you the detail. But, like I said, our focus has been on these other technologies rather than putting money into those legacy networks.

**NSW SES Response:** NSW SES has continued to maintain LMR networks in areas without PSN coverage for longer than expected due to a number of CCEP baseline reschedules. Due to the extended schedule the estimated cost for site lease and maintenance is \$365,000 plus \$125,600 per annum for resourcing.

**Transcript – Page 25:**

**Ms JENNY LEONG:** In relation to the paging network, that would've been one of your requirements that you were supportive of initially and within the scope. What involvement did you have within the decision to take that out of the scope of the project?

**STEPHEN McROBERT:** I think "out of the scope" was more a program decision, rather than ESOs. But more recently, obviously, we've come together, and the importance of whether we include that back in the CCEP program will go with a separate case. We all agreed that, at the time, it would be relevant to go with a separate case to address the paging needs of the three ESO agencies.

**Ms JENNY LEONG:** Were you simply informed by the program that it was now out of scope, or was there a—

**NSW SES Response:** The CCEP Program Team were responsible for the decision to remove paging from the scope of the project. NSW SES does not have a record of when the Program Team made that decision. NSW SES was aware that paging was not being provisioned at new PSN sites by 2018. FRNSW, NSW RFS and NSW SES raised concerns through iNSW Gate Reviews and NSW TA Governance Committees. This resulted in a recent separate business case to address the paging needs of the three ESO agencies.

**Transcript correction request**

**Transcript – Page 26:**

**SHANE NEWCOMBE:** They are a TA-owned capability; they are just deployed by the agencies.

**NSW SES requests the following amendment:**

**SHANE NEWCOMBE:** The technical capability of the COWs is owned by the TA. NSW SES owns their vehicles and cell assets. The COWs are deployed by the agencies.