

Item 9 - Question Time

Response to Mrs M Davidson

The current next generation access project funded by HIE, Scottish Government, BDUK and BT aims to deliver to 84% of premises in the Highlands and Islands by 2016.

The Highland Council is working with HIE and Community Broadband Scotland to achieve the maximum possible penetration rates across its area. Regular liaison meetings are already held between the Council and HIE and the roll out of next generation broadband is discussed at these meetings.

It is not possible to plan to fill all gaps until information is received on where such gaps exist following completion of the roll-out. As the roll-out proceeds, work will be developed to highlight areas which require further support.