I believe there is an error in the consultation document on p22 section 5.33.1

The ONT specs I have looked at require a power supply of 12V nominal

This therefore requires 10 NiCd / NiMH cells in series to provide 12V, irrespective of duration or load.

10 off low cost AA cells at 750 mAh in series would provide 9W of power for 1 hour, 4 hours at 8W and 12V would require 10 off 2670 mAh cells.

So the number of cells is a function of voltage, and the capacity per cell depends on power draw and duration unless you connect two or more multi-cell batteries in parallel.