

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings February 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 323**

**Program No. 1.3**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Digital radio**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

What resources are being consumed in the Department of Communications and the Australian Communications and Media Authority in continuing to consider the extension of digital radio to regional areas?

**Answer:**

No specific resources have been allocated in the Department or the Australian Communications and Media Authority to consider the extension of digital radio using Digital Audio Broadcasting Plus (DAB+) or other digital terrestrial radio broadcasting technologies to regional areas. Ongoing work on digital radio, which includes a review by the Department, is being conducted as part of the normal business of government.