

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

Group 3

Program 1.2

Question No. 127

Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 24 May 2012:

- a) In regard to the Location Based Number Store used by both Emergency Alert and StateAlert. Since its establishment, is the Department aware of any other systems that can provide similar capabilities to that of the LBNS?
- b) If so, will the Department consider this/these systems in November 2013 at the expiry of the current LBNS contract?
- c) As the LBNS contract cost is approximately \$6.9m, are the alternative systems more cost effective? Do they provide the same capabilities?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

- a) The Department is not aware of any systems that can provide similar capabilities to that of the Location Based Number Store (LBNS). The LBNS was purpose built to meet the requirements of the Australian Government and other jurisdictions.
- b) Not applicable as there are no other systems that can provide similar capabilities to the LBNS.
- c) Not applicable as there are no other systems that can provide similar capabilities to the LBNS.