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Topic: AM radio licences to FM – Remote WA

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Mr Tanner, you talked about remote and regional WA, and you mentioned Karratha. I think you said there were four small regional and remote areas. What are those areas?

Mr Tanner: If you give me a second, I will just manage any risk of making a mistake by reading them out for you. Port Hedland, Karratha and remote Western Australia.

Senator URQUHART: What does that mean?

Mr Tanner: Paraburdoo, Tom Price—sorry, it is a bit confusing because so-called remote Western Australia is a very large area, which has a single licence with a number of licence areas. I am having difficulty telling which are towns in that big licence area and which are the actual licence areas.

CHAIR: Is this one for notice, perhaps?

Mr Tanner: Yes. We will take it on notice.

Senator URQUHART: Take it on notice, but basically I have got the drift—Port Hedland, Karratha, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

Answer:

The AM to FM conversions in the Remote Western Australia licence area are planned for commercial radio broadcasting services at Exmouth, Paraburdoo and Tom Price.

The two regional areas with planned commercial radio broadcasting service conversions from AM to FM are Karratha and Port Hedland.