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**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Communications Portfolio**  
**Department of Communications and the Arts**

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**Program 1.1**

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**Topic: NBN fixed wireless towers – Telstra co-location**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** Can you tell me on how many of the 46 NBN fixed wireless towers Telstra is co-locating?

**Mr Patterson:** I will have to take that on notice. I might be able to find out today, if my people are listening.

**Senator URQUHART:** And how many for Optus and Vodafone as well.

**Mr Patterson:** Yes. Okay. I do not know if we have that information. If we have, we will give it to you today. If not, we will find out for you.

**Answer:**

Under round 1 of the Mobile Black Spot Program, as at 7 April 2017, Telstra intends to co-locate on 33 NBN fixed wireless towers. Vodafone intends to co-locate on 13 NBN fixed wireless towers. These numbers may increase or decrease over the life of the program. Optus was not successful in securing funding for base stations under round 1.