

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
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**Department of Communications**

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**Topic: TUSMA**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Mr Clarke said at the hearing “The second for me is that this team in Melbourne has got considerable expertise in administering large, complex contracts with significant compliance dimensions to them. That is an expertise that I think I can leverage in the Department as we take on other work as well.” What other contracts is the Department proposing to take on that the capability from TUSMA will assist with?

**Answer:**

In acknowledging that TUSMA has a strong contract management capability that can be utilised as required, the Secretary was speaking in general rather than specific terms. However, in coming months following a competitive tender process the Department will contract with successful proponent/s to manage the Government’s \$100 million investment under the Mobile Black Spots Programme. TUSMA’s contract management experience will add to the Department’s capability in this area.