

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 561

Program No. 1.2

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Mobile Black Spot Programme

Senator Urquhart asked:

You also advised that Vodafone does not quantify their coverage by population or area covered but they do provide a regularly updated online coverage map. Did you ask Vodafone for this coverage data (in regards to mobile black spots)?

Answer:

Vodafone Hutchison Australia has advised the Department that it does not publically report on coverage by percentage of population or by the area covered.

The Department of Communications requested and received Vodafone Hutchison's mobile broadband footprint for use in the Broadband Availability and Quality Project, however individual network coverage patterns were not reproduced or published as part of the project.