

**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: 563**

**Program No. 1.2**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Mobile Black Spot Programme**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Is there any particular reason why a list of locations self-identified as black spots should have such a restrictive distribution? Why is it not a public dataset?

**Answer:**

The Department of Communications accepted nominations of mobile black spots until July 2014. The database will be released publically, prior to the competitive assessment process in the second half of 2014.