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Topic: Mobile Black Spot Programme

Senator Urquhart asked:

Was a cost benefit analysis conducted before the discussion paper for the mobile black spot programme was issued? If not, will a cost benefit analysis be conducted before any funds are awarded under the black spot program?

Answer:

The selection of base stations to be funded under the Mobile Black Spot Programme will be on the basis of a merit-based assessment. The criteria will include an assessment of the costs and benefits of each base station.

There will be a mid-term evaluation of the Mobile Black Spot Programme in 2016.