

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

**Question No: 15**

**Program 1.1**

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**Topic: Mobile Black Spots Programme - effectiveness**

**Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:**

Is a process in place to measure the effectiveness of the Mobile Black Spot Program? If so, what are the criteria that will apply?

**Answer:**

The Department intends to conduct a review of the effectiveness of Round 1 of the Mobile Black Spot Programme mid-way through the three year rollout schedule and also upon rollout completion. These reviews will include consideration of the number of base stations from which retail mobile services are being delivered and the extent of improved mobile coverage which these base stations are delivering.