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Topic: nbn Co base stations - MBP area

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: But do you have any fixed wireless base stations in the areas that are covered by the government's black spot program currently?

Mr Morrow: Not that I recall, but if we do then we cooperate and share with them.

Senator URQUHART: Can you take that on notice, please.

Mr Morrow: Sure.

Senator URQUHART: I would be interested to know roughly how many NBN Co base stations

are in that mobile black spot area.

Mr Morrow: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

nbn does have Fixed Wireless base stations in the areas covered by the Government's black spot program.

From Round 1 of the black spot program, from a total of 499 locations there are 203 Fixed Wireless base stations constructed (198) or planned (5) within 10 km of a black spot location.

From the announced locations in Round 2 of the black spot program, from a total of 266 sites, there are 41 nbn Fixed Wireless base stations within 10 km of the location.