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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

Question No: 18

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Topic: Co-location figures

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

1. How many of the 499 base stations from Round 1 will have more than one mobile network provider co-locating?
2. How many of the base stations from Round 2 will have more than one mobile network provider co-locating?
3. Of the 429 base station sites Telstra is building under round one of the Mobile Black Spot Program, how many of these will have co-location of mobile network operators and of the 70 sites that Vodafone is building under Round One, on how many of these will have a co-location of mobile network operators? Please provide details.

Answer:

1. As at 7 April 2017, 61 round 1 base stations are expected to have more than one mobile network provider operating from that base station.
2. Under round 2, Mobile Network Operators have a five month period to nominate and negotiate co-location agreements for funded base stations. The outcome of these negotiations will not be known until later in the year. However, co-location can still occur at any time throughout the rollout prior to the base station design and planning approval being finalised.
3. Telstra has advised it has received expressions of interest for co-location on 18 of its round 1 base stations. Vodafone has advised that it is progressing co-location at 43 of its round 1 base stations. These numbers may increase or decrease over the life of the program.