

**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: 571**

**Program No. 1.2**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Mobile Black Spot Programme**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Could a definitive answer of the number of locations on the database at 29 May 2014 be provided?

**Answer:**

As at 29 May 2014, around 3000 locations across Australia reported as having poor or no mobile coverage were captured on the Department's database. As at mid-July this number had increased to around 4000 reported black spot locations.