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Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

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Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications and the Arts

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Topic: Base stations – under cost

Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

Senator URQUHART: Can you tell me how many base stations have come in under cost?

Mr Paterson: I would have to take that on notice. Roughly half come in under and half come in over, but I will take that on notice.

Senator URQUHART: If you could take that on notice and maybe a bit of detail around where they are.

Mr Paterson: Yes.

Senator URQUHART: Also maybe the ones that are over, an over spend as well.

Mr Paterson: Yes, I can probably do that. It will be a point in time.

Answer:

As at May 2016, the Mobile Network Operators' reconciliation statements for round 1 report cost savings have been achieved on 42 base stations and cost overruns have occurred at 23 base stations. The breakdown of these base stations by state is provided below.

State	Cost savings	Cost increase
New South Wales	6	6
Queensland	16	5
South Australia	1	1
Tasmania	1	
Victoria	13	8
Western Australia	5	3