Mobile Black Spot Programme

FACT SHEET

How the successful locations were chosen

The 499 successful locations were selected following a competitive selection process, with the mobile network operators asked to nominate sites where they would build new or upgraded base stations to serve the black spot locations nominated by the public. The Government selected the locations in accordance with the criteria in the Programme Guidelines issued in December 2014.

The Government assessed each proposed base station against the following criteria:

Criterion	Points were awarded according to:
New mobile coverage outcomes	• the extent of new coverage provided in square kilometres • the number of premises within the new handheld coverage area • the length of major transport routes receiving new coverage
Nominated by an MP	• whether the base station provides coverage to a location nominated by an eligible Member of Parliament
Co-contributions	• the amount of cash and/or in-kind contribution being provided by applicants, state/territory governments, local councils or other third parties
Cost to the Commonwealth	• the overall cost to the Commonwealth, with additional points being awarded to lower cost sites (the subsidy provided by the Commonwealth was capped at $500,000)
Services offered	• whether the base station will provide a 4G service in addition to the mandatory 3G service
Roaming	• whether the mobile network operator will provide roaming services for customers of other mobile network operators
More than one mobile network operator will provide services from the base station	• whether other mobile network operators (in addition to the funded operator) have committed to use the base station for at least ten years