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**Constituency Question – Mobile Black Spot Program**

Dear Mr Shelton

Thank you for your Constituency Question on 18 September about digital infrastructure and mobile coverage.

Your question focussed on the specific areas of Tea Tree and Sheffield. With respect to both of these locations, Telstra was successful in seeking funding under the Australian Government's 'Improving Mobile Coverage Round' of the Mobile Blackspot Program.

The Tasmanian Government has been advised that both locations are still on Telstra's forward plan, and the advice suggests they will be completed from late 2025.

Across the eight Mobile Black Spot Program Rounds, 64 Tasmanian locations have both been awarded funding and proceeded to construction.

We are also committed to improving Tasmania's digital infrastructure to enhance the interests and security of Tasmanians, visitors and businesses. The Government is currently working with the Australian Government on a range of programs to not only improve coverage and capacity, but to also improve service resilience in times of emergency.

So far, the government has invested \$3 million into these programs. In addition to these co-investments with the Australian Government and industry, the Tasmanian Government recently invested \$3.5 million to enhance mobile coverage on the Great Eastern Drive.

Looking forward, we have committed \$200,000 towards building a new Telstra mobile tower at St Helens. This additional capacity will help to meet the growing needs of the community and support service delivery during times of increased demand.

Importantly, we continue our close working relationship with service providers and the Australian Government to upgrade network availability, coverage and capacity.

Thank you again Mr Shelton for your question on behalf of your local constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Ogilvie', with a small flourish at the end.

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP  
**Minister for Science and Technology**