

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

SENATE

QUESTION ON NOTICE (Question no. 409)

AID DELIVERY

Senator Scott Ludlam: asked the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 17 March 2017—

With reference to aid delivery partners for aid provided by Australia:

1. What percentage of Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) is managed by:
 - a. managing contractors;
 - b. non-government organisations (NGOs) ; and
 - c. UN agencies.
2. Can a breakdown be provided of humanitarian funding to NGOs (excluding the Red Cross) in the last five years.
3. During the past five years, has the proportion of aid funding awarded to managing contractors increased or decreased.
4. Which firms constitute the top 10 contractors for ODA and what proportion of aid is outsourced to each?
5. Who are the three largest contract holders (in terms of number of contracts and volume of ODA spend through contractors) for the delivery of Australia's aid?

Senator Brandis - on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the answer to the Senator's question is as follows:

1. As per the 2015/2016 Performance of Australian Aid Report the following percentages of Official Development Assistance (ODA) expended in 2015/2016 are managed by:

a) Managing contractors	20%
b) Non-government organisations (NGOs)	11%
c) UN Agencies	14%

2. The amount provided through NGOs for humanitarian funding (excluding 'Red Cross' organisations) over the previous five financial years is:

Year	NGOs (not including Red Cross organisations)	NGOs (including Red Cross organisations)
2015/2016	\$33,544,184.47	\$99,414,184.47
2014/2015	\$41,634,458.97	\$100,141,245.46
2013/2014	\$34,529,237.79	\$89,868,552.34
2012/2013	\$41,449,575.29	\$104,831,693.79
2011/2012	\$53,958,179.82	\$102,851,412.74

3. The proportion of aid funding expensed through managing contractors as a percentage of total aid funding has varied.

2015/2016	20 %
2014/2015	19 %
2013/2014	21 %
2012/2013	16%
2011/2012	14%

4. The top 10 contractors by amount (as a percentage of total ODA) for 2015/2016 are:

1. Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd	3.65%
2. Palladium International Pty Ltd	3.38%
3. Coffey International Development Pty Ltd	3.26%
4. Abt Associates Pty Ltd	2.29%
5. SMEC International Pty Ltd	2.22%
6. HK Logistics Pty Ltd	1.43%
7. Scope Global Pty Ltd	1.26%
8. AECOM Services Pty Ltd	1.08%
9. Cowater International Inc	0.52%
10. Cardno Emerging Markets (USA) Ltd	0.30%

5. The three largest contract holders by number of contracts for the 2015/2016 Financial Year to date are:

1. Cardno Emerging Markets (Australia) Pty Ltd	- 58 contracts
2. Scope Global Pty Ltd	- 49 contracts
3. Palladium International Pty Ltd	- 47 contracts

For the three largest contract holders by value refer to the answer to Question 4.