

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Hearing:** Supplementary Budget Estimates

**Outcome:** Corporate

**Programme:** Corporate Strategies Division

**Topic:** Contractors

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**Question Type:** Written

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

What departmental work is currently undertaken by a contracted provider? How many staff are doing that work? Where are they located? Who is their employer? Why is the work not being done in house?

**Answer:**

The Department has a range of functions that are delivered via outsourced and/or contracted providers, however there is no central coordinated register of these activities. Where services are outsourced the Department does not have details of the providers staff, location or employment arrangements. Generally services are outsourced or delivered by contracted providers for a range of reasons including consideration of specialist skills, cost effectiveness, efficiency and ensuring overall value for money.

A complete listing of organisations contracted to deliver services to the department can be found on AusTender through the Advanced Search function at:

<https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.advancedsearch.checkTypeSearch&type=cnEvent&agencyStatus=0&agencyStatus=0&AgencyUUID=62304115-AA13-68D1-592110A8021DA68E&submitButton-2=Proceed+to+step+2>