

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Additional Estimates Hearings May 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**NBN Co Limited**

**Question No: 345**

**Program No. NBN Co Limited**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contracts under \$10,000**

**Senator Ludwig asked:**

Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since 7 September 2013.

**Answer:**

In the period 7 September 2013 to 30 June 2014, NBN Co entered into 61 contract arrangements worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 each. The total value of these contracts was \$421,115 and mainly involved minor works associated with our Network Operations and our IT systems.

Most, if not all contracts in place between NBN Co and its contractors contain confidentiality requirements. Disclosure of information such as individual sums paid and other confidential details may therefore result in a breach of these obligations. This may cause harm to NBN Co's commercial relationships and negatively impact upon the company's ability to function as a commercial entity. To try and identify these clauses and details across all of the arrangements would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.