

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**

**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**

**Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014**

**Communications Portfolio**

**Department of Communications**

**Question No: 95**

**Program No. Corporate**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Contracts**

**Senator Urquhart asked:**

In the case of the items in the Departmental Contracts Senate Order list of contracts over \$100,000 (attachment F), please provide:

- (a) More information about what the contract is for, including the specific task(s) the party was contracted to carry out; and
- (b) The process behind the contract award, including whether it was conducted under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines.

**Answer:**

- (a) Details of the Department's consultancies valued in excess of \$10,000 are available on the AusTender website ([www.tenders.gov.au](http://www.tenders.gov.au)) from which the Senate Order information is sourced. It is considered to be an unreasonable diversion of resources for the Department to provide additional details for contracts listed on the Senate Order.
- (b) AusTender provides the method of procurement for each contract. All Departmental contracts are awarded under processes conducted under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules.