

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

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Senator Ludwig asked:

Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.

Answer:

The Department and its portfolio agencies do not maintain a detailed list of contracts entered into between \$4,000 and \$10,000. Under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, non-corporate entities are only required to maintain a register of contracts equalling \$10,000 or more. Corporate Commonwealth entities are only required to maintain a register of contracts equalling \$400,000 or more.

Details of contracts under \$10,000 can only be compiled by manually reviewing individual invoices and credit card transactions that have been undertaken. This would require a significant diversion of resources.