

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Topic:** Contracts – direct tender

**Senator:** McAllister, Jenny

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**Question:**

Please provide details of all contracts entered into by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet since 18 September 2013 sourced through a direct tender with a contract value between \$4000.00 and \$9999.99.

In relation to which of these contracts has Ms Elizabeth Kelly, Deputy Secretary, been the decision maker, or approved the direct source procurement?

**Answer:**

Contracts entered into by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) valued below the \$10,000 threshold are not centrally recorded and are not readily identifiable from other expenditure. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.