

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
—Additional Estimates Hearing—February 2017**

**Answers to Questions on Notice**

**Parliamentary departments, Department of Parliamentary Services**

Topic: **Inadvertent disclosure of mobile telephone numbers**

Question: **93**

Written **Senator Farrell**

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer: 13 April 2017**

With reference to the inadvertent disclosure of mobile telephone numbers of many parliamentarians and their staff published in the Parliamentarians' Mobile and Telecommunications and Data Services Expenditure reports:

- a) When was the private contractor, TELCO Management, awarded the contract to manage aspects of the Parliamentarians' Mobile and Telecommunications and Data Services Expenditure reports?
- b) What is the duration of the contract?
- c) What is the value of the contract?
- d) What responsibilities does TELCO Management hold under the contract?

**Answer**

- a) 11 February 2014. The company at that time was trading under the name Vizibill, but has since undertaken a merger and is now trading as TELCO Management.
- b) 31 months with the option, which has been exercised, to extend the contract on a month by month basis.
- c) \$107,250. The monthly payment under the contract is \$2,500 per month. So far a total of \$90,750 has been expended against the contract (as at 31 March 2017).
- d) The contract involves reporting on telecommunication usage and charges for all parliamentary departments as well as parliamentarians and their staff. Specifically the services provided in the contract are as follows:
  - Word and PDF formatted report provided, enabling the Department of Parliamentary Services to publish parliamentarian's mobile device and data expenditure as legislated.
  - Reporting periods. January to June - July to December. Reports to be provided first week of each reporting period.
  - Continually plan for the evolution of the reports and modify the manner in which the reports are supplied (subject to any variations to a Contract required to implement any change) to improve the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the reports and their delivery.