

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice**  
**Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014**  
**Communications Portfolio**  
**Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency**

**Question No: 462**

**Program No. TUSMA**

**Hansard Ref: In Writing**

**Topic: Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)**

**Senator LUDWIG asked:**

1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the Department/Agency.
2. Please list their starting and expiration dates.
3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.

**Answer:**

1. TUSMA has one Enterprise Agreement.
2. The Enterprise Agreement commenced on 3 July 2013 with a nominal expiry of 30 June 2014.
3. In the 2014-15 Budget, the Government agreed to transfer the functions of TUSMA to the Department of Communications. Transitional arrangements will be in place for 2014-15, prior to the passage of legislation. Given this transfer of functions, TUSMA and the Department of Communications are seeking advice from the Australian Public Service Commission regarding the proposal to negotiate a single Enterprise Agreement that would cover TUSMA and the Department of Communications.