Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice

Budget Estimates Hearings May 2014

Communications Portfolio

Department of Communications

Question No: 633

Program No. Corporate

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contract extensions

Senator Lundy asked:

- 1. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your Department/Agency without the APSC's approval?
- 2. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:
 - a. The employee's age.
 - b. Their gender.
 - c. A description of their position.
 - d. Their wage.
 - e. Their position's APS level classification.
 - f. Where they were located.
 - g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.
 - h. The length of the extension granted by the Department/Agency.
 - i. The reason why the extension was granted.
 - j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?
 - k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.
 - 1. Please provide all relevant dates.

Answer:

- 1. Refer to answer to Question on Notice No. 632 for the Budget Estimates Hearings in May 2014.
- 2. To attempt to provide this level of detail would involve an unreasonable diversion of Departmental resources.