

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Answers to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice
Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings November 2014
Communications Portfolio
NBN Co Limited

Question No: 159

Program No. NBN Co

Hansard Ref: In Writing

Topic: Contracts under \$10,000

Senator Ludwig asked:

1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.

Answer:

1. In the period of 1 June 2014 to 31 December 2014, NBN Co entered into 99 contract arrangements worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 each. The total value of these contracts was \$629,617 and mainly involved minor works associated with our Network Operations and our IT systems. Most, if not all contracts in place between NBN Co and its contractors contain confidentiality requirements. Disclosure of information such as individual sums paid and other confidential details may therefore result in a breach of these obligations. This may cause harm to NBN Co's commercial relationships and negatively impact upon the company's ability to function as a commercial entity. To try and identify these clauses and details across all of the arrangements would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.