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Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency

Question No: 251

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.
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 are in place for this financial year 2014-15, prior to the passage of legislation. Given this transfer of functions, TUSMA sought 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. Approval has been received; TUSMA and the Department of Communications have commenced Enterprise Agreement negotiations.