

## Government Contracts

On 20 June 2001, the Senate agreed to an order requiring each Minister to table a letter of advice that a list of contracts, in respect of each agency administered by that Minister, has been placed on the Internet, with access to the list through the department's home page. The letter must be tabled no later than the tenth day of the spring and autumn sittings each year.

The order requires that the list of contracts include details of:

- each contract entered into to by the department which has not been fully performed or which has been entered into the previous 12 months, and which provides for a consideration to the value of \$100,000 or more;
- the contractor and the subject matter of each contract;
- whether each such contract contains provisions requiring the parties to maintain the confidentiality of any of its provisions, or whether any provisions of the contract are regarded by the parties as confidential, and a statement of reasons for confidentiality; and
- an estimate of the cost of complying with this order.

Contractor	Subject matter	Cost \$ (GST exclusive)	Does the contract contain provisions requiring the parties to maintain the confidentiality of the provisions of the contract?(Yes / No)	Are any provisions of the contract regarded by the parties as confidential?(Yes / No)	Reasons for confidentiality	Commencement date of the contract	Expiry date of the contract
Australian Competition & Consumer Commission	Provision of Corporate Support Services	\$158,004	No	No	N/A	1 July 2003	30 June 2004
AMP Henderson Global Investors Limited	Lease of Council premises	\$210,588	No	No	N/A	10 May 2003	9 May 2005

The cost of complying with the order is estimated at \$120.00, based on the time taken and remuneration rate of the staff involved.

Note 1. All National Competition Council contracts contain clauses requiring the contractor to maintain confidentiality of confidential Council material and protection of personal information. Note 2. For the purpose of this report, the previous 12-month period has been determined as the 12-month period immediately preceding 30 June 2003. Note 3. This list does not include details of contracts for which disclosure would be in breach of the *Privacy Act* 1988.