

Question on Notice
No. 899
Asked on 19 August 2004

Mr Hopper asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (MR SCHWARTEN) -

QUESTION:

For each of the last two financial years and for the year to date, will he provide details relating to the Pre-Qualification Contract (PQC) System, including the number of:

- (a) audits or performance reviews undertaken by the Department or Queensland Building Services Authority of the PQC System;
- (b) contractors or consultants that have failed or found to be non-conforming in their performance review or audit;
- (c) reviews or audits undertaken as a direct result of complaints about non-payment to subcontractors;
- (d) contractors or consultants that have had their PQC status revoked; and
- (e) contractors or consultants that have been sanctioned since the inception of the PQC system?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Department of Public Works conducted one internal audit of the Prequalification (PQC) System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

The Department of Public Works undertook two performance reviews of the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

The Queensland Building Services Authority undertook no audits or performance reviews of the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

- (b) Ninety contractors failed or were found to be non-conforming in performance reviews submitted under the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

Two consultants failed or were found to be non-conforming in performance reviews submitted under the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

Twenty-two contractors failed or were found to be non-conforming in audits undertaken in relation to the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

One consultant failed or was found to be non-conforming in an audit undertaken in relation to the PQC System during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

- (c) The Department of Public Works requested two audits as a direct result of complaints about non-payment to subcontractors during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

Business processes that support the PQC System allow the PQC Registrar to request reviews of contractors and consultants for various reasons. However, the Department of Public Works does not currently hold quantifiable data that identifies the number of reviews undertaken as a direct result of complaints about non-payment to subcontractors.

- (d) Fifty-two contractors had their registration status on the PQC System revoked during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

Thirteen consultants had their registration status on the PQC System revoked during the period from 1 July 2002 to 19 August 2004.

- (e) Nineteen contractors have been sanctioned under the PQC System from the date of its inception to 19 August 2004.

One consultant has been sanctioned under the PQC System from the date of its inception to 19 August 2004.