

Question on Notice

No. 1481

Asked on 28 November 2006

DR FLEGG asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the ROAM Consulting Report commissioned by the Queensland Government on Nuclear Power—

- (1) What was the total cost to the Government of commissioning the report, broken down separately by what was paid to ROAM Consulting, staffing costs and any other costs that were incurred?
- (2) How many Queensland Government staff were involved in completing the report, broken down separately by what Government department they are employed by and what payscale they are on?
- (3) What was the tender process that led to ROAM Consulting being commissioned to complete the report and what other companies bid for that tender?
- (4) If there was no tender process will he explain how ROAM Consulting was commissioned to complete the report?

ANSWER:

- (1) The total cost of the ROAM Consulting Pty Ltd report entitled “Nuclear Power Station” was \$2,145. Apart from minimal internal administration expenses to hire the contractor ROAM Consulting Pty Ltd, no other costs were incurred by the office of The Coordinator-General.
- (2) The report was presented as a final report to The Coordinator-General and therefore no additional staffing resources were required to complete the report.
- (3) & (4) ROAM Consulting Pty Ltd was engaged as a professional contractor in accordance with the requirements of the State Purchasing Policy and agency purchasing procedures. Under these agency procedures officers have the authority to approve the engagement of operational contractors (professional) to the value of their expenditure delegation.

The works were approved at the Assistant Coordinator-General level and were within the financial delegations assigned to that position. As the scope of works was less than \$10,000 a competitive bidding process was not required. Clause 4.1.2 of the agency purchasing procedures states that for purchasing up to \$10,000 GST inclusive, a minimum of one quotation is required and this may be received verbally or in written form.