

Question on Notice
No. 785
Asked on 24 May 2007

MR LINGARD asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

What is the number of publicly funded contracts valued between \$1M and \$100 M that have been awarded without a competitive tender and for each of the contracts will he detail

- a) Who the contract was awarded to
- b) The value of the contract
- c) Why the contract was awarded without a competitive tender

ANSWER:

For Department of Public Works funded programs, one contract valued between \$1M and \$100M was awarded without a competitive tender. This was for the Palm Island Quadplex project, details as follows:

- a) Beep Beep Constructions Pty Ltd
- b) \$1.7 M
- c) The project originated as a residential development comprising a detached house and a two block townhouse development on two adjoining blocks of land. The detached house was put out as a lump sum open tender being the first stage of the development. The industry response was poor with only one tender received from Beep Beep Constructions Pty Ltd. This tender was accepted and work commenced on site. The project scope for the remainder of the works was subsequently varied from the original two building town house configuration into a four unit two storey single apartment building on a more confined footprint. Given the poor industry response to the earlier limited scope of works, a price was negotiated with Beep Beep Constructions Pty Ltd as they were already established on site. It was recognised that with the present industry demands there was unlikely to be any other parties interested in undertaking the works.