

Question on Notice
No. 1086
Asked on 2 September 2009

MR MCARDLE asked the Premier and Minister for the Arts (MS BLIGH) -

QUESTION:

In relation to Flight Centre and associated entities—

Will the Premier provide a whole-of-government response (including general government, statutory authorities, GOCs and associated entities) outlining (a) all contracts with the company, (b) the total of all government payments made to this company last financial year and (c) when each contract will be reviewed and re-let for tender?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's State Procurement Policy requires budget sector agencies to publish the details of all awarded contracts and standing offer arrangements with a value of \$100,000 or more on the website of the Queensland Government Chief Procurement Office. I refer the Honourable Member to this website.

The Honourable Member should note, that the State Procurement Policy requires Government agencies to conduct their procurement activities with the utmost probity.

Agencies are also required to ensure that procurement is carried out in accordance with such obligations as may be placed upon them by the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*, *Financial Performance Management Standard 2009*, *Public Sector Ethics Act 1994* and such other legislation or government policy obligations as may from time to time apply to the procurement activities of the agency.

Furthermore, the Honourable Member should also be aware that all financial transactions involving Government agencies are annually and independently audited by the Auditor-General of Queensland. During the course of these audits, the Auditor-General makes an independent assessment of the financial management-related activities of agencies and provides reports directly to the Queensland Parliament on any matters arising.