Question on Notice
No. 1962
Asked on 6 October 2010

MS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (Mr Schwarten) -

QUESTION:

With reference to the Print Management Unit—
(1) Who are eligible suppliers who can tender for Government print jobs and what are the criteria for suppliers to be included on this panel?
(2) How many print jobs have been tendered since the commencement of the Print Management Unit and who were the successful tenders?
(3) What percentage of potential jobs has Goprint successfully bid for?

ANSWER:

I note that the Honourable Member shows a considerable interest in Goprint and the share of work it gets from the Print Management Unit (PMU). She no doubt is looking for something to support one of her wild allegations that only deceive the most gullible people who do not bother to check the facts. There is no doubt that the LNP would abolish Goprint and sack its 61 employees if it were elected. Like the Conservatives in the UK, the LNP wants to destroy the public sector no matter how good its performance. In late August the LNP's Shadow Treasurer said he would "reassess" Bligh Government Programs and the Opposition leader said earlier this month that people had to "just ask me" if they wanted to know about LNP cuts. I welcome that invitation by the Opposition Leader. Goprint is one of the large number of organisations waiting for the Opposition to come clean on its job-cut plans.

Question 1
There are currently 68 suppliers accredited to tender under the Print Management Solution. Due to confidentiality requirements between the accredited suppliers and the Queensland Government's print manager, details about individual suppliers cannot be released.

Eligible suppliers are identified as the Print Management Solution is rolled out to each agency. Agencies provide the PMU with a list of incumbent suppliers and these suppliers are then contacted by the PMU to begin the accreditation process, which includes:

1. The completion of a Supplier Profile and Corporate Social Responsibility questionnaire addressing, for example:
   • business ownership and governance
   • maturity of operation
   • location and whether the business is Queensland based
   • Queensland Government experience/incumbency
   • quality and colour management
   • environmental accreditation and policies
   • equipment profile and capacity
   • occupational health and safety
   • stock and materials management
   • trading hours
   • logistics management
   • company and ethical values (such as human rights).

2. A site inspection undertaken by PMU staff focusing on:
   - risk management and security
   - process controls
   - maintenance programs
   - quality program and accreditation
   - third party supplier management
   - training program
   - premises standard
   - equipment and capability standard/performance.

3. Contract formation including:
   - insurances and liability delegations
   - Work Cover compliance
   - payment terms.

Question 2

Since the PMU began in December 2009, 1371 jobs have been offered to suppliers. A wide range of local suppliers have been successful in winning this work. All work has been contracted to local Queensland suppliers, except where local companies have not had the manufacturing capability to produce the work (less than five jobs to date).

Question 3

As at 14 October 2010, Goprint has quoted on 830 jobs let through the PMU and been successful in 12.2 per cent of its bids. These jobs, however, reflect 20.5 per cent of the total value of this work.