

Question on Notice
No. 1269
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MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the recent addition to the government's 'Buy Queensland' procurement policy involving a new criteria 'best practice industrial relations'—

Will the Minister advise how this new element will be assessed as part of the project evaluation and what percentage weighting will apply?

ANSWER

All agencies covered by the Queensland Procurement Policy (QPP) must apply the *Best Practice Principles* to major projects of \$100 million or more.

Specific projects under \$100 million can be 'declared' as being subject to *Best Practice Principles*. Projects can also be exempted. Unless declared, Information and Communication Technology projects are exempt.

Where the *Best Practice Principles* apply, agencies will assess tenders against the following principles:

- best practice workplace health and safety systems and standards;
- best practice commitment to apprentices and trainees;
- best practice industrial relations; and
- history of compliance with procurement tendering and other government policy.

The *Best Practice Principles* carry an evaluation weighting of up to 20 percent. Approval must be sought from the Minister with responsibility for the major project for the weighting to be assigned.

The approved weighting for both the *Best Practice Principles* and the *Local Benefits Test* should be in the tender evaluation plan approved prior to a tender's release. Agencies are encouraged to disclose weightings related to the *Best Practice Principles* and the *Local Benefits Test* in their tender documentation.

More information about the *Best Practice Principles* is contained in the *Best Practice Principles – Quality, safe workplaces* guide available at www.hpw.qld.gov.au.