

Question on Notice
No. 768
Asked on Wednesday, 13 June 2018

MR M HUNT ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS; MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY; MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to information from a constituent regarding a recent contract for painting maintenance for Powerlink which was awarded to a wholly Japanese owned company despite there being competitive local tenders—

Will the Minister advise (a) the government policy on preference for local companies in tender processes for works and (b) what the government is actively doing to ensure that local companies are competitive in the process?

ANSWER

(a) The Palaszczuk Government announced the *Buy Queensland* approach to procurement in July 2017. This included the Queensland Government Procurement Strategy – *Backing Queensland Jobs*, along with a revised Queensland Procurement Policy (QPP).

Buy Queensland will drive genuine, quality, secure local jobs and preference local companies by:

- applying a local benefits test for all significant procurement, where a weighting of up to 30 per cent may be applied;
- inviting at least one regional and one Queensland supplier to quote or tender on every supply opportunity (where possible);
- delivering a more visible pipeline of opportunities for small and regional business;
- using local contractors and manufacturers, where possible, in significant projects valued at \$100 million and above;
- allowing government agencies, to purchase outside of whole-of-government supply arrangements in regional and remote locations to deliver improved local investment; and
- giving priority to local suppliers who are defined to be one that maintains a workforce whose usual place of residency is within 125 kilometres of where the good/service is to be delivered.

(b) The Queensland Government has made available a range of resources to assist local businesses, such as Tendering for Government Workshops and resources on the Business Queensland website.