

**Question on Notice
No. 57
Asked on Wednesday, 13 February 2019**

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

With reference to the government's 'Building Industry Fairness' laws—

Will the Minister (a) provide an update on the experience of the Project Bank Accounts, as it applied to government projects between \$1m and \$10m since 1 March 2018 and (b) confirm whether 1 March 2019 is still the commencement date for extending the scheme to all projects?

ANSWER

Since the commencement of Project Bank Accounts (PBAs) on 1 March 2018, a range of government projects have been let including school refurbishments, housing, a fire and rescue station replacement as well as court house upgrades. I am pleased to advise that as at 18 February 2019, 100 PBA projects have been awarded. These projects have a combined value over \$405 million.

The independent Building Industry Fairness Implementation and Evaluation Panel (Panel) was established in June 2018 to evaluate the suite of building reforms commenced thus far.

The Panel has engaged extensively with stakeholders, both directly and through an Industry Reference Group, a discussion paper and online questionnaire.

I expect to receive the Panel's report by the end of March 2019. Once the Government has reviewed the Panel's findings, the report will be tabled in Parliament.