

Question on Notice
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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)

Will the Minister outline the number of contracts and the value of those contracts that have been awarded under the current Queensland Government procurement policy to companies that do not have an office in Queensland, since the current procurement policy began in 2017 (between September 2017 and January 2020)?

ANSWER

The Buy Queensland approach to procurement puts Queensland jobs as the priority.

Even if a supplier does not have an office in Queensland, this does not mean that Queenslanders are missing out. The Queensland Procurement Policy is focused on delivering benefits in the place where the work is being delivered. This includes the application of a Local Benefits Test for all significant procurement. A weighting of up to 30 per cent may be applied for the test. Types of local benefits include supporting existing and new local jobs, opportunities for local supply chains, opportunities for apprentices and trainees, and the use of Aboriginal businesses and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

Information on contracts is from QTenders. QTenders is the whole of government procurement system that Agencies, Government Owned Corporations and Statutory Bodies are required to use to publish open tenders. QTenders does not include information relating to procurement that has not been put to tender, such as standing offer arrangements, corporate card and sole sourcing arrangements.

QTenders indicates that during the period 1 September 2017 to 31 January 2020, 772 contracts (15% of the total number of contracts) were awarded through QTenders to businesses with a registered main business location outside Queensland amounting to approximately \$1.2 billion (16% of the total value of contracts). A number of these companies have offices in Queensland.

Types of contracts awarded to suppliers that do not maintain an office in Queensland include ICT software, chemicals, and specialist medical implants manufactured overseas.