

Question On Notice
No. 214
Asked on 19 January 2020

MR J McDONALD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to recent public dissatisfaction with the Buy Queensland Government procurement Policy—

Will the Minister implement measures to benefit Lockyer and Somerset businesses, or contractors who use Lockyer and Somerset businesses, to ensure existing local businesses benefit from the next stage of the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre development?

ANSWER:

The Member will be pleased to know that Stage Two of the Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct (Stage 2 SQCP) will deliver a massive economic boost to the Lockyer Valley, creating hundreds of jobs and delivering significant financial benefits to local businesses.

The new \$618.863M facility near Gatton is one of the most significant projects in terms of financial commitment and resourcing in the history of Queensland Corrective Services (QCS).

The project is expected to create more than 400 construction jobs over the three-year build and eventually deliver more than 500 permanent jobs as well as ongoing opportunities for local Lockyer Valley and Somerset businesses to supply goods and services.

This project is investing in regional jobs today and for the future, supporting existing Queensland regional businesses into the future, and growing the local economy.

The Queensland Government is dedicated to using its buying power to make a positive difference to Queensland's local businesses and workforce in the Lockyer Valley and Somerset regions.

In relation to Stage 2 SQCP, QCS will develop specifications aimed at attracting local business. Research is being undertaken to determine the maturity of the local market as well as identifying potential suppliers.

For capital works and facilities maintenance services, QCS has partnered with the Department of Housing and Public Works for procurement, contract management and project management services to be delivered in accordance with the Queensland Procurement Policy. For operational expenditure, QCS will comply with the Queensland Procurement Policy in relation to significant new procurements.