

Question on Notice
No. 1308
Asked on 25 October 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to my previous correspondence and questions about local procurement for the SQCC now the Lockyer Valley CC—

Will the Minister advise the amount of local Lockyer businesses providing goods and services to this project?

ANSWER:

As is the usual practice with projects of this kind, Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) has engaged the Department of Energy and Public Works (DEPW) to procure and manage the delivery of Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct – Stage 2 project at Gatton, now officially named the Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre.

I am advised that DEPW procured the project under a two stage Managing Contractor model adopting the Buy Queensland approach to support local jobs and prioritise Queensland businesses. That being said, for specific questions about this approach and details held by DEPW about this project, I suggest that the Member direct those questions to the relevant Minister.

In addition to the direct and ongoing jobs that this project will support, the new centre is already providing a significant boost for the regional economy in the Lockyer Valley.

The Queensland Government is committed to helping Queenslanders prosper through the prioritisation of local suppliers to ensure we are maximising our local spend, wherever we can. Southern Queensland Correctional Centre is already supporting numerous Lockyer businesses in the operation of this current facility and Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre will further build upon this when opened.

I am advised that the Buy Queensland approach ensures that local Queensland suppliers within a 125 kilometre radius of the site are prioritised.

I am also advised that this has meant that 52 trade packages awarded to date, totalling more than \$470 million, have been issued to local Queensland suppliers.

Included in these packages are, I am advised, 55 Lockyer Valley area businesses who are specifically providing more than \$21 million in goods and services.

I am additionally advised that more than 90 percent of the 1.9 million hours of work performed under the project have been worked by people living within the Buy Queensland local supplier radius.

Of note, I am told that more than 2,000 workers have been inducted to site and over 200,000 hours have been invested into apprentices and trainees.