

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 497**  
**Asked on 9 May 2023**

**MR A PERRETT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Personal Protective Clothing (PPC) for Queensland rural fire fighters being manufactured in Queensland—

Will the Minister advise (a) what consideration has been given to using Queensland manufactured clothing for urban firefighters and (b) if none, why not?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government's Buy Queensland approach to procurement puts Queensland jobs as the first priority.

The Queensland Government Procurement Strategy ensures informed decisions are made about how government funds are used to prioritise Queensland businesses, support local jobs in regional Queensland and achieve more positive outcomes on behalf of taxpayers.

The strategy is supported by the Queensland Procurement Policy, which is applied across budget sector agencies, government-owned corporations, statutory bodies and special purpose vehicles.

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) that to determine supply arrangements for uniform, personal protective equipment and equipment items, QFES conduct appropriate procurement processes within the Buy Queensland framework, to ensure a supplier is selected that can fulfill the services' requirements and provide the best overall value.

The procurement process includes careful consideration and specification of the requirements, determining criteria and method to evaluate offers, then requesting offers from potential suppliers.

A panel of members from the relevant services, industrial and representative partners, QFES Procurement Services and QFES Uniforms and Logistics is formed to evaluate offers received.

Offers can be evaluated by desktop evaluation, operational trials, or both. A contract is awarded based on the evaluation of the offers against nominated criteria.

I am advised that the procurement process for the current Fire and Rescue Service structural ensembles was undertaken in 2010, and the successful vendor was selected in accordance with Queensland procurement policies at that time.

I am further advised that QFES is planning to go to market for structural ensembles in the near future and this procurement activity will be undertaken in line with all principles outlined in the current Queensland Procurement Policy which includes the Buy Queensland framework as outlined above.