

Question on Notice

No. 204

Asked on Thursday, 5 March 2026

MR M HEALY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH (HON S O'CONNOR)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister address the increasing concerns of community-led organisations that the Queensland Procurement Policy 2026 is becoming more competitive, and the tender-like processes are disadvantaging locality-based, community-led organisations more and more?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Procurement Policy 2026 (QPP) recognises the critical role of community-led organisations and has been deliberately designed to support proportionate and flexible procurement approaches. This includes the continued use of panel arrangements and targeted or limited tender processes where these are more appropriate than open competition.

One of the strategic pillars of the QPP is to achieve practical economic, environmental and social impact, driving sustainable procurement practices and building a diverse supplier base, including support for social enterprises, veterans' organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

In practice, this includes a requirement that government agencies must dedicate between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of the total evaluation weightings for significant procurements to achieving Purposeful Public Procurement outcomes, with increased spend with social enterprises one of government's outcome areas. This approach embeds social and economic outcomes directly into procurement decision-making and ensures value is assessed beyond price alone.

The Crisafulli Government has further reinforced this approach through the establishment of the inaugural Office of Social Impact, demonstrating our commitment to building a thriving social enterprise sector in Queensland.

A dedicated Social Procurement Advisor operates on a whole-of-government basis to assist social enterprises to navigate government procurement processes, connect to opportunities across government and build capability over time. This role also supports government buyers to design procurement approaches that are accessible, proportionate and fit for purpose.

In addition, the Queensland Government is also introducing a new badging function within the Queensland Procurement Solution, its online platform for identifying potential suppliers, conducting procurement activities and managing arrangements and contracts. This will enable government buyers to easily identify genuine social enterprises, boosting social enterprise visibility across the government network.

Beyond procurement settings, the Office of Social Impact has partnered with community groups, peak bodies, philanthropists and investors to establish the \$20 million per year Social Entrepreneurs Fund, providing long-term investment to organisations supporting vulnerable Queenslanders. This work is supported by the Social Enterprise and Impact Investing Roadmap 2025, which includes a specific commitment to work alongside agencies delivering the QPP and major initiatives such as the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games to amplify opportunities for social enterprises.