



STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
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Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
4 March 2021

Asked by MS CLAY:

In relation to: jobs for contractors not put to open tender

THE CHAIR: All right. I am interested in the City Renewal Authority grants, contractors, supplies and services.

Mr Barr: Yes.

THE CHAIR: Yes. So we have got about \$7.9 million there. How much of that was provided to contractors versus in house?

Mr Snow: I must ask Mr Gillman to respond to that, thank you.

Mr Gillman: Sorry, and I omitted to confirm. Craig Gillman, chief operating officer, and yes, I confirm I have read the privilege statement.

We have spent about \$4 million on consultants across the financial year. Yes, on consultants. And that is, you know, significantly design consultants. So [Hames] Sharley on Acton waterfront. Obviously [Oxigen] on City Walk. So it is principally design-related consultancies.

THE CHAIR: And were they open tender processes to find those consultants?

Mr Gillman: Depending on the value—

THE CHAIR: Yes.

Mr Gillman: —yes, typically. If they were less than \$25,000 they can be direct-sourced.

THE CHAIR: So you followed the guidelines?

Mr Gillman: Followed the guidelines.

THE CHAIR: There were no variations in those guidelines?

Mr Gillman: No. We had a couple of exceptions—

THE CHAIR: Yes?



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Mr Gillman: —to those guidelines, which get published in the procurement register.

THE CHAIR: Yes. Yes.

Mr Gillman: Off the top of my head—cannot actually recall—no, so I think we had two exceptions in the last year, which were approved by the CEO under the Procurement Act.

THE CHAIR: Yes. But you are not sure which ones they were?

Mr Barr: We will take those on notice.

CHIEF MINISTER: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In 2019-20 there were two instances of procurement over \$25,000 that were not sourced through an open or minimum three quotes process. Details and the reasons are provided below.

Contract title	Contractor Name	Contract amount (incl. GST)	Exemption reason
Case Studies – Public Space Investment	Deloitte Access Economics Pty Ltd	\$25,000.00	A single quote was sought from a firm with a specialist in data and research capability in the economics of place and place renewal. This is a niche area.
Permanent Placement Fee – Director Design and Place	Bespoke Career Management Pty Ltd	\$33,203.35	A single quote was sought from a firm experienced in specialised recruitment of architects, landscape architects and design specialists. This is a specialist field and deep experience and expertise was required for this key role.

Under the Government Procurement Regulation 2007, the Chief Executive Officer may approve direct sourcing, as an example, in the case of a supplier's specialist knowledge. Both procurements were approved by the CRA Chief Executive. The awarding of the above contracts were consistent with the Regulation, and reported in the CRA 2019-20 Annual Report.



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The 2019-20 Annual Report discloses a third exception - *Gen Plus – Power Install Enlighten 2020, The Trustee for The Doggett Business Trust* valued at \$25,323.00. However a further examination has identified that this selection was via a full procurement process undertaken by Events ACT as part of the delivery of Enlighten 2020.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA