



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA:

[Ref: Chief Minister, Annual Report, Tenders]

In relation to: Tenders Awarded by Major Projects Canberra

1. How many tenders were awarded by Major Projects Canberra in the financial years:
 - a. 2021-22
 - b. 2020-21
 - c. 2019-20
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2017-18
2. Of those, how many were awarded to an entity that was not the preferred tenderer for each financial year:
 - a. 2021-22
 - b. 2020-21
 - c. 2019-20
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2017-18
3. Please provide the tender evaluation reports and delegate's recommendations for each of the cases identified in the answers to question 2.
4. For all procurements entered into with an exemption in financial year 2020-21, please provide:
 - a. The vendor
 - b. The contract title
 - c. The estimated value
 - d. The final value

Andrew Barr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1.
 - a. 9 (to 2 March 2022)
 - b. 16
 - c. 14
 - d. Not applicable – Major Projects Canberra commenced operations on 1 July 2019
 - e. Not applicable – Major Projects Canberra commenced operations on 1 July 2019
2. The procurement framework provides scope for delegates to make a decision that differs from the recommendation of the evaluation team if circumstances warrant. This discretion is specifically allowed because the delegate is expected to use their expertise and judgment, within clearly set out parameters, to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery of procured projects. A delegate may also request that an evaluation team respond to queries or further consider aspects of its initial report before a final recommendation is considered by the delegate.

There is no specific requirement to report information on cases where delegates depart from a panel's final recommendation and no such list has been specifically created by Major Projects Canberra.

Noting the above, and noting that MPC has not undertaken an audit of all procurement processes where an MPC official was the decision-making delegate (as additional time would be required to undertake such an audit) MPC officials are not immediately aware of any procurement process where an MPC official was the decision-making delegate and where that delegate has exercised their discretion to award a tender to a party other than the party that was recommended by the tender evaluation panel in its final recommendation for that procurement.

3. N/A
4. Major Projects Canberra entered into two contracts in 2020-21 on the basis of single select procurements.
 - a. Technika Pty Ltd
 - b. Rail Systems Technical Advisory Services Light Rail City to Woden
 - c. \$2.9 million
 - d. N/A – Contract term is for a period of 24 months
 - a. Robin Pty Limited as trustee for the Larcombe Family Trust
 - b. Biodiversity Credit Purchase Deed
 - c. \$902,000
 - d. \$902,000

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Signature: *Andrew Barr*

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA