



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2023-2024

Mr Mark Parton MLA (Chair), Ms Jo Clay MLA (Deputy Chair),
Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA on 20 July 2023: Mr Naughton took on notice the following question(s):

[Ref: Uncorrected Proof Hansard Transcript 20 July 2023 p 79]

In relation to: Compliance with the Secure Local Jobs Code

MR PETTERSSON: All good. What procedures does Housing ACT have in place to ensure compliance with the secure local jobs code?

Mr Naughton: I need to take that on notice as well.

Minister Berry: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

There is a threshold criterion for all Housing ACT construction tenders which stipulates the contractor/builder must hold current Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) certification at the time of tender closing to progress through to assessment. This requirement is confirmed against the posted list of SLJC certified entities (<https://www.procurement.act.gov.au/secure-local-jobs/code-certified-entities>). If contractors/builders SLJC certificate has lapsed for any reason they are not offered tendering opportunities nor able to be assessed.

The legislative requirements of holding and maintaining SLJC certification when undertaking construction work for the ACT Government is stipulated in tender documentation and any executed contracts. Ethical Suppliers Declarations citing the requirement to hold/maintain certification and compliance with the SLJC are also provided at tender submission and when submitting payment claims under contract. Additionally, contracts stipulate the head builder/contractor is responsible for ensuring all subcontractors hold SLJC certification when undertaking works subject to the SLJC.

When in contract, monthly reporting provided by the contractor/builder to Housing ACT also covers off on SLJC aspects, including compliance and currency of certification.

Further, the Housing ACT Procurement team maintain an up to date register with SLJC certification details of builders appointed to the panel. The SLJC team is responsible for directly contacting builders when certification is due to be renewed.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2023-2024

Signature:

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Date:

28/07/23

By the Minister for Housing and Suburban Development, Yvette Berry MLA