



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

QTON No.9

STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, TRANSPORT, AND CITY SERVICES
JO CLAY MLA (CHAIR), SUZANNE ORR MLA (DEPUTY CHAIR), MARK PARTON MLA

Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
Wednesday, 3 March 2021

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Look, for a long time, for decades, we had—Disability Enterprises held the contract for sportsground facility maintenance. That was done under our social procurement structure and I think we have still got in the annual report—we still state that social procurement is considered wherever possible and our procurement processes are designed to encourage it.

But we noticed that last year, the contract went out to open tender and there was no social procurement included and it has gone without social procurement. Why was that?

Mr Alegria: I am not sure which one you are referring to, but certainly we are just about finished with social procurement of cleaning of sportsground pavilions, which was a social procurement. So if it is the cleaning of pavilions contract that you are referring to, that is a social procurement and it has been or it will be allocated to a social organisation.

THE CHAIR: Sure. And I may have not enough detail in my notes here. It was a large contract to clean the sportsgrounds facilities. It was readvertised late last year as an open tender. Is that the one that you mean?

Mr Alegria: Yes. Yes.

THE CHAIR: My notes say that it was advertised as an open tender. Are you telling me that that is a social procurement?

Mr Alegria: Well, I am not completely across every detail of what the tender—but there certainly would have been a large weighting, at least, in the tender documentation and a requirement—there was definitely a requirement for the tenderer to provide evidence of how they are engaging with disadvantaged people and providing work for them.

THE CHAIR: Yes. And so has that been awarded?

Mr Alegria: That is in process of being awarded.

THE CHAIR: So you probably cannot tell me any more?

Mr Alegria: No.

THE CHAIR: When is that due to finish?

Mr Alegria: Let me think. Just trying to think about whether—



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THE CHAIR: If you would like to take that on notice, that would be fine.

Mr Alegria: I might take that on notice, yes. Because I do not want to give you the wrong information.

THE CHAIR: Yes. So we are just interested—it is work that has been done by people with disability for a long time and so the purpose of my question is to find out what that tender will deliver and where it is up to in that process.

Mr Alegria: Certainly. Yes, sure.

THE CHAIR: Yes, thank you.

Mr Alegria: I can do that.

Asked by Jo Clay:

In relation to: Contract for cleaning of sportsground facilities:

What the tender will deliver, and where it's up to in the process. Was it a social procurement?

Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The tender seeks services to clean sportsground facilities such as pavilions, changerooms and toilets and city maintenance depots. Social enterprises have undertaken sportsground-related cleaning work for the last 8 years on the south side and 20 years on the north side of Canberra. Tenders have closed and are currently being assessed, with completion of the process dependant on engagement and negotiations with the preferred tenderer.

The tender promotes the engagement of a social enterprise, however this was not a mandatory requirement of the tender. The tender evaluation criteria included a 20% weighting to Social and Diversity Outcomes such as employment for individuals with a disability and 10% to Regional Contribution and Secure Local Jobs Code (including local industry participation).

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By the Minister for Sport and Recreation, Yvette Berry MLA