



Inquiry into Financial Management and Government Procurement Legislative Compliance

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Finance

Redirected to: Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

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In relation to: Procurement and Secure local jobs code - procurement framework

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Answer Due: 11/05/2026

- (1) Can the Minister outline how the Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) interacts with the ACT Government procurement framework administered by Procurement ACT.
- (2) Do the requirements of the SLJC align with existing procurement mechanisms such as the Local Industry Participation Plan (LIPP) and broader procurement guidelines to ensure local capability and workforce outcomes for ACT employees and businesses are achieved.
- (3) Are the SLJC requirements and ACT procurement guidelines designed to operate complementarily, or has the Government identified areas where the frameworks may overlap, duplicate, or create inconsistent obligations for contractors.
- (4) What evaluation has been undertaken to determine whether the combined operation of these frameworks is effectively supporting local employment opportunities and participation by ACT-based construction businesses.

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A combined response to questions 1 to 4 is provided below.

The Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) is embedded within the procurement legislation and is designed to ensure businesses wishing to tender for ACT Government work meet a minimum standard in regard to industrial relations and work health and safety. It operates alongside procurement focussed polices such as the Local Industry Participation Policy (LIPP).

A SLJC certificate is required to respond to a procurement to enter into contract and for the term of a contract for territory funded work. As such, it is a precursor to the procurement process. Information about who is required to hold a SLJC certificate is available on the SLJC [website](#).

Other than being required in order to submit a response as part of a Territory procurement process, the SLJC is a separate requirement to the local participation, value for money and broader selection considerations through the tender evaluation processes.

The SLJC Advisory Council established under the *Government Procurement Act 2001*, provides advice to the Minister on the operation of the Code and any other local jobs and procurement matters where requested by the Minister. Where issues about the operation of the Code are raised by Council members, the Council may provide advice to the Minister on the issue.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Financial Management and Government Procurement Legislative Compliance

Signature:



Date: 11.5.26

By the Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA