



# Inquiry into Financial Management and Government Procurement Legislative Compliance

## Answer to question on notice

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Asked by: Ms Deborah Morris MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Finance

Redirected to: Minister for Skills, Training and Industrial Relations

Reference: Treasury

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In relation to: Procurement and Secure local jobs code - union influence

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Answer Due: 11/05/2026

The Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) includes provisions relating to industrial relations and workplace arrangements on government funded construction projects.

(1) What role, if any, do unions have in influencing contractor eligibility, compliance monitoring, or contractor assessment under the SLJC.

(2) Has the Government undertaken any analysis of whether these provisions create barriers to entry for businesses, contractors or subcontractors seeking to participate in ACT Government procurement.

(3) What safeguards are in place to ensure procurement decisions remain consistent with competitive neutrality, open market access principles and value for money.

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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 3 is provided below.

The Secure Local Jobs Code (SLJC) is administered by the SLJC Registrar (a public servant appointed by the Minister). The SLJC team supports the Registrar in the administration of the Code.

An assessment of compliance with Code requirements for obtaining Code certification is undertaken by independent external approved auditors.

There are no restrictions on who may apply for a SLJC certificate. As long as an entity demonstrates compliance with the Code requirements, they will be granted a certificate allowing them to seek work with the ACT Government where a Code certificate is required.

The SLJC [website](#) has detailed information about the SLJC certification process and safeguards in place to ensure a proper process, including:

- the Secure Local Jobs [Audit Guidelines](#) provides information on how approved auditors assess compliance as part of the SLJC certification process, and
- the [Secure Local Jobs Code Complaints and Noncompliance Investigation Guidelines](#) provides information on how the SLJC Registrar handles complaints and compliance investigations.

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Signature:



Date: 11.5.26

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