



# Inquiry into Financial Management and Government Procurement Legislative Compliance

## Answer to question taken 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

In relation to: Procurement and Secure Local Jobs Code Review

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Mr Russ Campbell took on notice the following question(s):

**MRS MORRIS:** Thank you. And one more on that and I know I have taken a lot of time. Just in light of those concerns that have been put to the committee and section 8 of the Government Procurement Act, do you think that there is any scope that would require the Secure Local Jobs Code to be reviewed and reassessed?

**Ms Stephen-Smith:** I do not know if there is a review built into the Secure Local Jobs Act.

**Mr Campbell:** We can take that on notice. The relevant policy will be able to give us advice on that. I mean, it goes to your point about how much feedback they have received directly in relation to this issue because, as the minister says, it is hard to know, talking in the general, is it an issue that there is noncompliance because there is an incapacity to comply and that would raise a different set of questions. Or is it actually the burdensome nature—is there a burdensome nature to the application

which could be streamlined? And that is a different question again. But yes, look, we can take that one on notice to ask if there is any specifically built in.

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

The *Government Procurement Act 2001* section 22ZD required the [Secure Local Jobs Code Advisory Council](#) (the Council) to review the operation of the Secure Local Jobs Code (the Code) before the end of its second year of operation. The Code commenced in January 2019, and the Council's review was completed and delivered to Government in January 2021.

There are no other formal reviews required under legislation or currently being planned by the ACT Government. Where issues about the operation of the Code are raised by Council members, the Council may provide advice to the Minister on the issue.

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