



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by MS LEE

Ref: Annual Report, Education Directorate, Tenders

In relation to: Tenders

1. How many tenders were awarded by the Education Directorate in the financial years:
 - a. 2021-22
 - b. 2020-21
 - c. 2019-20
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2017-18
2. Of those, how many were awarded to an entity that was not the preferred tenderer for each financial year:
 - a. 2021-22
 - b. 2020-21
 - c. 2019-20
 - d. 2018-19
 - e. 2017-18
3. Please provide the tender evaluation reports and delegate's recommendations for each of the cases identified in the answers to question 2.
4. For all procurements entered into with an exemption in financial year 2020-21, please provide:
 - a. The vendor
 - b. The contract title
 - c. The estimated value
 - d. The final value

MS BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

In response to questions 1 – 4 above, please note the following:

The procurement framework provides scope for delegates to make a decision that differs from the recommendation of the evaluation team if circumstances warrant. This discretion is specifically allowed because the delegate is expected to use their expertise and judgment, within clearly set out parameters, to ensure the most effective and efficient delivery of procured projects.

There is no specific requirement to report information on cases where delegates depart from a panel's recommendation. Identifying and providing the data for the purpose of this request by the committee would represent an unreasonable diversion of directorate resources.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

Date: 11/05/22

By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Ms Yvette Berry