

**Question on Notice
No. 487
Asked on 23 March 2010**

MRS PRATT asked the Minister for Public Works and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 1686 of 2009—

(1) What percentage of contracts for works undertaken per school district at schools in the Nanango Electorate has been awarded to local business/contractors?

(2) Have there been any occasions where companies have been awarded contracts without tendering for them?

ANSWER:

As outlined in the Minister for Education and Training's response to Question on Notice No. 1686, the Department of Education and Training engages the principal contractors for its projects and QBuild as its service provider for maintenance work.

The following information relates only to those projects within the Nanango Electorate where the Department of Education and Training has engaged the Department of Public Works to manage/tender capital works projects or the maintenance works managed by QBuild.

(1) What percentage of contracts for works undertaken per school district at schools in the Nanango Electorate has been awarded to local business/contractors?

For the purposes of this answer, the definition of 'local' is taken to align with the Queensland Government's Local Industry Policy.

Capital Works (including under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan – Building the Education Revolution Program)		
School District	% Assigned to Local Business/Contractor	
	2008-2009	2009-2010 (to 23 March 2010)
The Downs	100	100
Moreton West	100	100
Sunshine Coast North	100	100
Sunshine Coast South	100	No contracts awarded
Toowoomba	100	100
Wide Bay West	100	100

Maintenance Works		
School District	% Assigned to Local Business/Contractor	
	2008-2009	2009-2010 (to 23 March 2010)
The Downs	5	15
Moreton West	24	18
Sunshine Coast North	100	100
Sunshine Coast South	17	16
Toowoomba	23	18
Wide Bay West	45	53

In some instances there may not be a local business that has the technical capacity or the availability at the time to carry out the maintenance works.

(2) Have there been any occasions where companies have been awarded contracts without tendering for them?

No Capital Works projects were awarded without either an Expression of Interest or a tender process taking place.

During 2008-2009, QBuild awarded ten contracts for maintenance works within the Nanango Electorate without undertaking a tender process. The aggregated value of these contracts was \$95,649 (including GST).

During 2009-2010 (to 23 March 2010), QBuild awarded three contracts for maintenance works within the Nanango Electorate without undertaking a tender process. The aggregated value of these contracts was \$14,389 (including GST).

The reasons QBuild awarded these contracts without undertaking a tender process include:

- where the successful tenderer withdrew and there was only one contractor registered and available to undertake the work
- where a contractor was already on site undertaking other work
- where the work was required to be carried out by a proprietary brand owner.