

## **Buy Queensland 2023 Buyer webinar – questions and answers**

### **Question 1**

Which agency is the lead agency for the Information Communication and Technology procurement category?

### **Response**

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is the lead agency for the Information Communication and Technology procurement category.

### **Question 2**

As part of *Buy Queensland 2023* implementation, what do agencies have to do with regards to addressing modern slavery risks in the supply chain?

### **Response**

*Buy Queensland 2023* embeds a responsible public procurement approach to lead by example in preventing harm. This includes strengthening the Ethical Supplier Threshold (EST) and Queensland Government Supplier Code of Conduct (Code) to protect vulnerable people and industries.

The EST and Code are recognised in the Queensland Procurement Policy 2023 (QPP 2023). The QPP 2023 also requires suppliers' compliance with the EST and Code in tender documentation and ongoing compliance in contracts.

QPP 2023 requirements complement but do not replace, legislative responsibilities which agencies may be subject to under the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth). Access the [Eliminating modern slavery toolkit](#) for more information.

### **Question 3**

How does *Buy Queensland 2023* apply social procurement?

### **Response**

As part of establishing a thriving, resilient and decarbonised economy, the Queensland Government will continue to use its procurement power to increase spend with social enterprises. This may be achieved through flexible procurement methods like 'set-asides' where a buyer approaches one or more social enterprises in a regional area for example to tender for a specific project in their local area.

The QPP 2023 permits purchasing/procuring outside of an arrangement if the procurement directly supports a relevant government economic, ethical, social and environmental objective or target set out in Principle 1 of the QPP 2023 and cannot be met by using the arrangement.

The QPP 2023 requires category strategies to include the schedule for refreshing or establishing new common-use supply arrangements to ensure they reflect diversity of suppliers in line with relevant government economic, ethical, social and environmental objectives and targets set out in Principle 1 and include regional and remote suppliers.

#### **Question 4**

What do smaller statutory bodies have to do as part of implementing *Buy Queensland 2023*?

#### **Response**

*Buy Queensland 2023* applies to all budget sector agencies (including departments), government-owned corporations, statutory bodies and special purpose vehicles unless otherwise specified in the QPP 2023.

Clause 31 of the QPP 2023, which relates to publishing details of contracts at \$10,000 and over, only applies to large statutory bodies.

#### **Question 5**

What enhancements are being made to the Queensland Contracts Directory to improve access for all agencies?

#### **Response**

The Queensland Contracts Directory has been upgraded and is now known as the Queensland Government Arrangements Directory (QGAD). This new directory offers a more user-friendly, and intuitive experience for agency buyers including:

- a new, modern streamlined user interface
- easier searching and filtering of arrangements
- the ability to preview arrangements prior to submission
- the ability to add documents during the initial form entry.

The public version of the QGAD is accessible via <https://qgad.epw.qld.gov.au>