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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Question No. 1435

MS CASTLEY MLA: To ask the Special Minister of State

- (1) What number of contracts that are (a) between \$25,000 to \$200,000 and (b) \$200,000 or more, are awarded to entities that have not submitted the lowest bid across the (i) 2022-23, (ii) 2021-22, (iii) 2020-21, (iv) 2019-20 and (v) 2018-19 financial years.
- (2) What number of contracts put to tender for entities that meet the prequalification code CEC/C-CA (Civil engineering services with Construction Contract Administration) are awarded tenders to suppliers that have not submitted the lowest bid across the (a) 2022-23, (b) 2021-22, (c) 2020-21, (d) 2019-20 and (e) 2018-19 financial years.

MR STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) Section 22A of the *Government Procurement Act 2001* (the Act) requires Territory entities to pursue value for money in undertaking any procurement activity. Value for money under the Act means the best available procurement outcome. Territory entities must consider a range of factors when pursuing value for money, including open and effective competition, probity and ethical behaviour, management or risk, and optimising whole of life costs. Price (whole of life costs) is one factor in the overall value for money assessment. The Territory does not maintain data on the number of contracts awarded to entities that have not submitted the lowest bid.
- 2) As noted in the response to Question 1, the Territory does not maintain data on the number of successful suppliers awarded contracts who meet the prequalification code CEC/C-CA (Civil engineering services with Construction Contract Administration), and did not offer the lowest price for the contract.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.



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