

PUBLIC SECTOR COMMISSION — CROWDICITY CONTRACT

722. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Madam President, I am sorry I was not immediately available; I was just dealing with a troublesome constituent! I refer to contract PSC86626 issued to Crowdicity, a United Kingdom-based firm, by the Public Sector Commission for the provision of an idea management system solution.

- (1) Was the Premier or anyone in his office briefed on this issue before the PSC went to tender?
- (2) If yes to (1), who was briefed and on what date?
- (3) If no to (1), was the Premier or anyone in his office briefed prior to the awarding of the contract?
- (4) If yes to (3), who was briefed and on what date?
- (5) Can the Premier advise whether the awarding of this contract to a UK-based firm is consistent with his local jobs act?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Public Sector Commission advises the following.

- (1) No formal briefing was provided.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No formal briefing was provided.
- (4) Not applicable. A note on idea management system solutions was included in the estimates hearings file for the recent estimates hearings.
- (5) The contract is compliant with public sector procurement policies and procedures, and the process was supported by the Department of Finance. For the member's information, under the previous Liberal-National government, at least five agencies had, or continue to have, contracts for idea management solutions with a total value of more than \$930 000. Details are publicly available on the Tenders WA website. Other agencies may have had similar contracts for under \$50 000 and therefore contract details are not included on Tenders WA.

Examples from Tenders WA include: Landgate, \$265 000 awarded to Crowdicity, UK, on 21 December 2016, with expiry in 2022; Department of Finance, \$80 340 awarded to CommunityPeople, UK, on 22 July 2014, with expiry in July 2018; Department of Fire and Emergency Services, \$314 362 awarded to Brightidea, USA, on 21 February 2017, with expiry in May 2022; Department of Fire and Emergency Services, \$59 000 awarded to Brightidea, USA, on 13 November 2015, with expiry in November 2016; Department of Transport, \$93 100 awarded to Global Solutions, Canberra, on 1 July 2013, with expiry in June 2017; and Main Roads, \$118 503 awarded to Brightidea, USA, on 21 December 2015, with expiry on 21 December 2016.