

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023**

Question

Will the Chief Minister provide details on what changes, if any, to the Government's procurement processes are being considered to –

- (a) increase the participation of private local service providers in Government-led projects (including, without limitation, local planning projects); and
- (b) improve expenditure on IT projects while avoiding potential abuse of process?

Answer

- a) There are currently no changes planned to the procurement processes.

The Government currently promotes the accessibility of opportunities to support smaller, diverse, and on-Island organisations through the Social Value elements of its Procurement activity. Social Value must be considered alongside quality and price when evaluating procurement activities and must be included as part of the weighted evaluation for all procurements over £100,000.

During the procurement of frameworks, the Government undertakes extensive market engagement across our Jersey-based supply chain. Implementation of these corporate contracts brings enhanced adherence to the Public Finance Manual across our stakeholder community driving best practise and transparency.

- b) Expenditure on IT projects follows the standard procurement processes as set out by Commercial Services. To enable more efficient and compliant IT procurements a Change and IT Professional Services Framework was introduced by Commercial Services in Q4 2022.