

BIODIVERSITY, CONSERVATION AND ATTRACTIONS — PROCUREMENT CONTROLS

943. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Environment:

I refer to the weaknesses in procurement controls detected at the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions by the assistant Auditor General during 2021–22 financial year.

- (1) When were the procurement controls designed and implemented at DBCA?
- (2) Were the procurement controls altered in any way after they were initially implemented at DBCA?
- (3) If yes to (2), when and for what purpose?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The procurement controls subject to scrutiny during the audit have been consistent for the last five years.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) In 2019, the minimum purchase value for works, goods or services for which quotes are required was raised from \$20 000 to \$50 000, in line with the Department of Finance's procurement guidelines.