

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS — HUAWEI

659. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Metronet 4G communications contract awarded to Huawei by the government.

- (1) When was the panel that made the recommendation for the contract award formed, and on whose authority was it formed?
- (2) Which individuals were members of that panel, what are their names and from which organisations did they come?
- (3) When did that panel decide to recommend Huawei as the preferred contractor, and for what reason or reasons?
- (4) On what date was that recommendation communicated to the minister's office?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) The procurement plan for the radio system replacement project was signed by the managing director of the Public Transport Authority on 1 February 2017. The evaluation panel for the shortlisting process was formed on 13 July 2017.
- (2) The members of that panel were the executive director, major projects unit, PTA; director, infrastructure services, major projects unit, PTA; project director, PTA; project communications engineering manager, PTA; communications engineering manager, PTA; and the contracts coordinator, PTA. The evaluation panel was supported by a range of internal and external technical and commercial advisers.
- (3) The evaluation panel recommendation report was signed by the evaluation team on 14 March 2018 and approved by the chief executive officer on 10 April 2018.
- (4) The minister was advised on 11 June 2018 that Huawei UGL was the preferred proponent; however, the final contract was not finalised until 6 July 2018.