

PROCUREMENT REFORM, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND BUY LOCAL POLICY

1446. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the minister representing the Treasurer:

This is a similar question to the one asked by Hon George Cash, but it has another angle. In view of the recommendations of the Functional Review Taskforce on procurement reform, will the Treasurer confirm that it is the Government's intention to centralise procurement to the metropolitan area for all government departments; and, if so, will the Treasurer explain how the buy local policy is still applicable and how procurement reforms could be achieved without nullifying the buy local policy?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Treasurer has provided the following response -

It is not the Government's intention to centralise procurement to the metropolitan area for all government departments.