

<b>Treasurer's Instruction No</b>	<b>1116</b>
Title	<b>Procurement Reviews and Committees: goods and services</b>
Effective date	<b>30 December 2018</b>
Objective and Background	<b>Provides instruction and guidance on the establishment and operation of agency Procurement Review Committees and the industry consultation review process.</b>
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*Black letter (or bold) items within these Instructions are mandatory and other plain font items are instructional or for the purpose of providing guidance only.*

- (1) **This Instruction applies to the procurement of goods and services and is to be read in conjunction with other Instructions relating to goods and services which are contained in the 1100 series of the Treasurer's Instructions.**

Further information on goods and services procurement, including a definition of "goods and services", can be located on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government](http://www.purchasing.tas.gov.au) (www.purchasing.tas.gov.au).

For information on building and construction and roads and bridges procurement, refer to the 1200 series of the Treasurer's Instructions.

- (2) **All government agencies, and entities required to comply with the Treasurer's Instructions, must establish a Procurement Review Committee.**

The membership of the Committee is a matter for the Head of Agency. However, it is recommended that a Review Committee consist of at least the following:

- Chairperson: nominated by the Head of Agency;
- Members: at least two members, who should be persons experienced in government procurement processes and not part of the evaluation team; and
- Secretary to the Committee (ex officio).

Further information on Review Committees can be located on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government \(Procurement Review Committees\)](http://www.purchasing.tas.gov.au).

- (3) **An agency's Review Committee must review all agency evaluations for all procurements with a value of \$100 000 or more (excluding GST):**
- (a) **prior to any advice being provided to suppliers on the outcome of the procurement process and/or before negotiations are entered into with the preferred supplier and/or the contract is awarded; and**
  - (b) **to ensure that a fair and equitable process has been followed and that the principles and mandatory processes outlined in the procurement Instructions and, where applicable, that the**

**requirements contained in the publication, *International Procurement Obligations* have been adhered to.**

For the purposes of this clause, procurement includes all open tenders, selective tenders and all quotation processes where the value of the procurement reaches that threshold.

- (4) For all procurements with an estimated value of more than \$5 million (excluding GST) agencies must, unless otherwise exempted in accordance with clause (5) below:**
- (a) prepare a pre-procurement industry consultation report; and**
  - (b) have the report reviewed and approved by the Head of Agency prior to commencing the procurement process.**

The report is to summarise the consultation undertaken with industry and local business representatives in the planning stages of the intended procurement.

For the purposes of this clause:

“procurement” includes direct selections as well as all open tenders, selective tenders, and quotation processes where the value of the procurement reaches the threshold referred to above; and

“commencing the procurement process” means issuing a request for quotation/proposal directly to potential suppliers or advertising a request for tender on the Tenders website.

Pro forma documentation can be located on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government \(Pre-procurement industry consultation\)](#).

- (5) A class exemption from the requirement to prepare a pre-procurement industry consultation report may be approved by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury and Finance.**

Exemptions will only be approved on a class basis (ie not an individual procurement basis) where the Secretary is satisfied that no local market exists or where the provision of such a report serves no useful purpose in relation to improving access for local suppliers. It is expected that such circumstances will rarely arise. Approved classes of exemption, and the date from which they are exempted, are listed on the [Purchasing website - Buying for Government \(Pre-procurement industry consultation\)](#).