



**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO
STATE SUPPLY COMMISSION POLICIES**

OPEN AND EFFECTIVE COMPETITION POLICY

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Procurement methods and thresholds – the minimum requirements ¹ Direct purchase and verbal quotations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$5,000 – direct purchase; \$5,001 to \$20,000 – verbal quotations. 	Allow public authorities to determine appropriate procurement method including direct sourcing, verbal or written quotations up to \$50,000 .
Written quotations	\$20,001 to \$150,000	\$50,000 to \$250,000
Open public tenders	Above \$150,000	\$250,000 and above.
Exemptions from minimum requirements	An Accountable Authority must consider that “exceptional circumstances” exist in order to not comply with the minimum competitive requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removal of the reference to ‘exceptional’ as a basis for the reason why an Accountable Authority may waive the minimum requirements. Clarifying the situations in which Accountable Authorities may waive the minimum requirements.
Purchases from registered Aboriginal Businesses	Minimum competitive requirements may be waived where there is an opportunity to purchase from a registered Aboriginal Business and the value doesn’t exceed \$150,000.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum requirements may not apply where there is an opportunity to purchase from a registered Aboriginal Business and the value doesn’t exceed \$250,000. An Accountable Authority may approve a public authority undertaking a procurement in excess of \$250,000 if circumstances exist to support the procurement.
Involvement of Department of Finance, Government Procurement (GP)	Greater than \$20,000.	\$50,000 ² or above. However changes also provide a mechanism for a partially exempt public authority to approve undertaking a procurement process less than \$250,000 independently of GP should this be required.
Advertising Open Tenders on Tenders WA	\$150,000 and above.	\$250,000 and above.
Publish Contract Award Information on Tenders WA	Above \$20,000, except when purchasing from a Common Use Arrangement.	\$50,000 or above except when a Common Use Arrangement Buyers’ Guide states otherwise.

¹ Values are for the whole term of the awarded contract and include GST.

² Except when applying the *Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy* in which case the Department of Finance may agree to provide support on a case by case basis.



PROCUREMENT PLANNING, EVALUATION REPORTS AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT³

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Submitting Evaluation Reports	No requirement stipulated in the current policy in relation to Evaluation Reports.	Require partially exempt public authorities ⁴ to submit evaluation reports for procurements with a total estimated value of \$5 million to the State Tender Review Committee or the Community Services Procurement Review Committee.
Executive Director, Government Procurement – mechanism to approve exemptions from submitting evaluation reports	Not in current policy.	Provide an avenue for the Executive Director, Government Procurement to approve exemptions from submitting ⁵ evaluation reports for consideration.

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Update policy to reflect current direction in Sustainable Procurement	Current policy significantly focussed only on environmental impacts.	The opening statement of the policy is clearer and provides a more succinct definition that reflects current direction in social and economic sustainability.

DISPOSAL OF GOODS

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Allow for recognition of “public benefit” when disposing of goods	A public authority must dispose of goods in a manner that is ethical, equitable and efficient, and where practicable maximises the financial return to government.	Policy recognises that a value outcome for government when disposing of goods may be in the form of public benefit or financial return.

PROBITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Minor amendment – update references	Policy clearly sets out need for a public authority to be able to demonstrate that it conducts its procurement within a framework of probity and accountability.	Inclusion of reference to Public Sector Commissioner’s Instruction Number 7 – Code of Ethics.

³ This policy was previously named *Procurement Planning and Contract Management*.

⁴ Excludes totally exempt agencies.

⁵ Approval will usually be given only where the procurement relates to an emergency situation where there are strict security requirements.



COMMON USE ARRANGEMENTS

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Minor amendment - footnote explanation of Buyers' Guide.	Footnote not in current policy.	Includes reference in the footnote to the meaning of Buyers' Guide.

PRIVATE SECTOR PROCURING FOR PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

	Policies prior to 1 July 2014	Policies as at 1 July 2014
Revoke Policy	This policy states that the contracting out of procurement activities does not absolve a public authority from the requirement to comply with supply policies. A public authority is not required to comply with this requirement for procurement where the Accountable Authority considers that it is impractical for the public authority to do so.	Policy is revoked.