

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHAIR OF THE STATES EMPLOYMENT BOARD
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 28th JUNE 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 5th JULY 2021**

Question

Will the Chair provide –

- (a) a summary of the progress to date on the project to centralise records of Government contracts, and the expected timeline for delivery; and
- (b) a copy of the new Commercial Services third party code of conduct, as referenced in the response to Written Question 105/2021, stating when it is expected to be in place; and an explanation of how it will enable workers to receive the living wage?

Answer

- (a) A Commercial Services central contracts register was created in January 2021. Work is underway to identify and register contracts across government. This is being monitored with KPIs outlined in the COO Operational Business Plan.

Currently there are 441 contracts registered and 124 copies stored on the site. The target set for 2021 is 400 registered and 200 stored. The collection and maintenance of contracts is an on-going process. Gathering of contracts is essential for the successful roll out of ITS and therefore the deliverable date is aligned to the programme roll out schedule in 2022.

- (b) The Third Party Code of Conduct is currently being piloted with launch being anticipated in January 2022. This Code of Conduct reminds government suppliers that the Government is a Living Wage accredited organisation and there is a contractual requirement for suppliers to meet the relevant criteria, where applicable.

It is important to note that there is already a provision for this in government contracts and therefore the Government is not reliant on the Code of Conduct to enforce this as a requirement. As stated in the answer to WQ.105/2021, the current contracts recorded centrally all include a provision for meeting the Living Wage criteria.

There are very few government contracts whereby the Living Wage criteria needs to be applied as outlined in WQ.444/2019.