



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL ISSUES

## MEDIA RELEASE

# NEW INQUIRY INTO THE PROCUREMENT PRACTICES OF NSW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The Upper House Standing Committee on Social Issues has commenced an inquiry into the procurement practices of NSW Government agencies and its impact on the social development of the people of New South Wales.

Committee Chair, the Hon Dr Sarah Kaine MLC, said: 'The committee will consider the current procurement practices of NSW Government agencies, including its value, integrity, effectiveness and compliance with relevant policies and regulations. This inquiry will also examine the quality and robustness of the government policies and frameworks that support procurement services.'

'The committee will look at current approaches to the transparency and accountability of procurement services, including the function and requirements of the NSW Government Procurement Board and the New South Wales Procurement Policy Framework.'

The Chair continued: 'The inquiry will examine how the NSW Government's procurement practices can promote social development, including prioritising local business and creating opportunities for diversity, inclusion and participation of disadvantaged groups. Additionally, the committee will look to best practice models nationally and internationally to ensure NSW Government procurement is conducted ethically and promotes social development.'

The Chair concluded: 'The terms of reference also discuss the capacity of procurement officials to assess suppliers to ensure value for money, opportunities for co-regulation, and the evaluation criteria used for tenders.'

### Have your say

The committee is calling for public submissions until **Friday 19 January 2024**. The committee intends to publish its final report in July 2024.

Further information about the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the committee's website.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=3014>

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