

# Procurement Act 2020

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Western Australia

# **Procurement Act 2020**

An Act to modernise the processes for Government procurement of goods, services and works.

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

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# Part 1 — Preliminary

## 1. Short title

This is the Procurement Act 2020.

## 2. Commencement

- (a) Part 1 on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent;
- (b) the rest of the Act on a day fixed by proclamation, and different days may be fixed for different provisions.

## 3. Objects of Act

- (a) to promote best value for money in government procurement so as to deliver sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits to Western Australians;
- (b) to reduce barriers to the participation of small and medium businesses in government procurement by streamlining procurement procedures;
- (c) to strengthen integrity in government procurement and to promote ethical and accountable practices so as to provide confidence that government procurement is conducted fairly;
- (d) to enable coordinated government procurement strategy, governance and leadership and devolved accountability and decision-making;
- (e) to provide a legislative scheme that is responsive to changing community expectations and that supports innovation in the Western Australian economy.

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## 4. Terms used

(1) In this Act —

*authorised body* means an entity (or an entity of a kind) that is declared to be an authorised body under section 6(1);

*common use contractual arrangements* means contractual arrangements established under section 25 by the Department CEO;

*Department* means the department of the Public Service principally assisting the Minister in the administration of this Act;

*Department CEO* means the chief executive officer of the Department;

*entity* includes any corporation, unincorporated body, statutory officer or other person;

*goods, services or works* means goods, services or works of any kind, including the following —

- (a) community services;
- (b) information and communications technology;
- (c) construction work as defined in the *Construction Contracts Act 2004* section 3;
- (d) things of a kind prescribed by the regulations to be included in this definition;

procurement includes -

- (a) obtaining goods, services or works by purchase, lease, licence, public private partnerships or other means; and
- (b) disposing of goods or works;

*procurement activities* means decisions or other things done in the course of, or as a result of, a process to procure goods, services or works;

*procurement direction* means a general procurement direction or an agency specific procurement direction issued by the Minister under Part 4;

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*Procurement Executive Body* means the body corporate of that name established by section 18(1);

*State agency* has the meaning given in section 5(1);

*supplier* means a person who directly or indirectly supplies, or proposes to directly or indirectly supply, goods, services or works to State agencies.

- (2) A reference in this Act to goods, services or works includes a reference to goods, services and works.
- (3) A reference in this Act to compliance with this Act includes a reference to compliance with regulations, procurement directions or other instruments under this Act.
- (4) A reference in this Act to the Department CEO, a State agency or an authorised body procuring goods, services or works on behalf of a State agency or authorised body includes a reference to —
  - (a) the Department CEO, agency or body acting as agent in connection with the procurement; or
  - (b) the Department CEO, agency or body acting as principal in connection with the procurement with a view to the goods, services or works being transferred to or used by the relevant agency or body.

#### 5. State agencies

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), each of the following is a *State agency* for the purposes of this Act
  - (a) an agency as defined in the *Financial Management* Act 2006 section 3 other than a university listed in Schedule 1 to that Act;
  - (b) an entity controlled by a Minister, or by an agency referred to in paragraph (a), through which that Minister or agency procures goods, services or works for the performance of the functions of that Minister or agency;

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- (c) an entity (or an entity of a kind) that is established for a public purpose or is funded by the State and that is prescribed by the regulations to be a State agency.
- (2) The following are not State agencies for the purposes of this Act
  - (a) a body established by or under the *Electricity Corporations Act 2005* section 4, the *Port Authorities Act 1999* section 4, the *Water Corporations Act 1995* section 4 or the *Western Australian Land Authority Act 1992* section 5 or a subsidiary of any such body;
  - (b) an entity (or an entity of a kind) that is prescribed by the regulations not to be a State agency.

## 6. Authorised bodies

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a procurement direction may
  - (a) declare an entity (or an entity of a kind) specified in the direction to be an authorised body for the purposes of this Act; or
  - (b) provide that the Department CEO may, in accordance with the procurement direction, declare an entity (or an entity of a kind) to be an authorised body for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The entities that may be declared to be authorised bodies are as follows
  - (a) a body (whether incorporated or not), or the holder of an office, that is established or continued for a public purpose under a written law or a law of another State, a Territory or the Commonwealth;
  - (b) a local government or a regional local government or a similar local government authority of another State or a Territory;
  - (c) a university;
  - (d) a charitable body;

- (e) an entity (or an entity of a kind) prescribed by the regulations.
- (3) In this section a reference to an entity is a reference to an entity other than a State agency.

# 7. Act binds Crown

This Act binds the Crown in right of Western Australia and, so far as the legislative power of the Parliament permits, the Crown in all its other capacities.

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	<b>[PartsPart 2- — Application of Act</b>
<u>8.</u>	Procurement to which Act applies
(1)	This Act applies to the procurement of goods, services or works by a State agency.
(2)	This section does not limit any express provisions of this Act that relate to procurement by authorised bodies.
<u>9.</u>	Procurement to which Act does not apply
(1)	In this section —
	lease includes a licence;
	<u>relevant lease —</u>
	(a) means —
	(i) the lease of an office or other space or facility for use by a State agency (including an arrangement for its construction by another party and lease back to a State agency); or
	(ii) the lease of an office or other space or facility of a State agency for use by another party;
	but
	(b) does not include —
	(i) a lease for social housing purposes, for water supply purposes, for environment protection purposes or for other public purposes; or
	(ii) a lease of unimproved land; or
	(iii) a lease of Crown land under the Land <u>Administration Act 1997 granted by the Minister</u> administering that Act; or
	(iv) a lease of any other kind prescribed by the regulations to be excluded from this definition.

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(2)	This Act does not apply to the following —
	(a) the acquisition or disposal of land or of an interest in
	land, other than a relevant lease;
	(b) the employment of staff of a State agency or the
	appointment of a person to a statutory or executive
	office:
	(c) an investment, loan or other financial transaction;
	(d) a grant of money;
	(e) the acquisition by a State agency of a thing for resale;
	(f) procurement between State agencies (other than for the purposes of cooperative arrangements under Part 5);
	(g) any procurement (whether of specified things, of any
	specified kind or by any specified entity) prescribed by
	the regulations to be excluded from the application of
	this Act.
10 <u>.</u>	Procurement powers of State agencies to which Act applies
(1)	This Act applies to the procurement of goods, services or works
	by a State agency under the powers conferred by this Act or any
	other written law or under the executive power of the State.
(2)	A State agency that does not otherwise have power to procure
	goods, services or works is authorised by this subsection to
	procure goods, services or works under and subject to this Act
	in connection with the performance of its functions.
<u>11.</u>	<b>Relationship to other written laws relating to procurement</b>
(1)	This Act applies to the procurement of goods, services or works
	by a State agency unless a written law specifically, or by
	necessary implication, excludes the procurement from the
	application of this Act.
(2)	The procurement of goods, services or works by a State agency
	is also subject to any obligations imposed on the State agency
	under the Western Australian Jobs Act 2017.
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# Part 3 — Procurement functions of Minister and Department CEO

<u>12.</u>	Funct	ional leadership for procurement by State agencies
(1)		<u>Act confers functions on the Minister and Department</u> o provide whole-of-government leadership in the
		rement of goods, services or works by State agencies.
(2)		ver, State agencies remain responsible and accountable for rocurement of goods, services or works.
<u>13.</u>	Funct	ions of Minister
	The M	linister has the following functions —
	(a)	the issue of procurement directions under Part 4;
	<u>(b)</u>	any other functions conferred on the Minister under this Act.
<u>14.</u>	Funct	ions of Department CEO
(1)	The D	epartment CEO has the following functions —
	<u>(a)</u>	the general oversight of the procurement activities of State agencies to promote the objects of this Act;
	<u>(b)</u>	establishing common use contractual arrangements for use by State agencies and authorised bodies to obtain particular kinds of goods, services or works;
	(c)	approving cooperative arrangements under Part 5
		relating to the procurement of goods, services or works by State agencies and authorised bodies;
	(d)	undertaking the procurement of goods, services or works
		on behalf of a State agency (or services in connection with any such procurement) if the Department CEO has
		agreed with the State agency to do so or if the
		Department CEO is required to do so by a procurement
		direction;

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<u>(e)</u>	managing the State's vehicle fleet and entering into supply, disposal or other arrangements in relation to the vehicles;
(f)	providing advice to State agencies about their procurement of goods, services or works;
<u>(g)</u>	enhancing the capabilities, knowledge and expertise of the professional staff of State agencies who undertake
(h)	procurement activities; setting requirements for strategic planning by State
	agencies about their future procurement of goods, services or works and for periodic reporting on their procurement activities;
(i)	collecting information relating to the procurement of goods, services or works by State agencies and using or publishing the information obtained;
(j)	providing the Minister with information requested by the Minister relating to the administration of this Act or the procurement of goods, services or works by State agencies:
(k)	conducting investigations and audits under Part 6;
(1)	functions under Part 7 in relation to the debarment of suppliers;
(m)	any other functions conferred on the Department CEO under this Act.
$(2)  \text{The } \Sigma$	Department CEO must, in connection with the management
	State's vehicle fleet under subsection (1)(e) —
(a)	minimise, so far as practicable, the net greenhouse gas
	emissions associated with the use of the vehicles in the fleet by maximising, so far as practicable, the fuel efficiency of those vehicles and offsetting the greenhouse gas emissions of those vehicles; and
<u>(b)</u>	report annually on the greenhouse gas emissions
	associated with the use of the vehicles in the fleet.

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(3)	The Department CEO may do anything necessary or convenient
	for the performance of the Department CEO's functions under
	this Act.
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<u>15.</u>	Delegation by Minister
(1)	The Minister may delegate to the Department CEO any power
	or duty of the Minister under Part 4.
(2)	The delegation must be in writing signed by the Minister.
(3)	The delegation may expressly authorise the Department CEO to
	further delegate the power or duty to a person to whom the
	Department CEO may delegate the powers or duties of the
	Department CEO under this Act.
(4)	A person exercising or performing a power or duty that has been
	delegated to the person under or as authorised under this section
	is taken to do so in accordance with the terms of the delegation
	unless the contrary is shown.
(5)	Nothing in this section limits the ability of the Minister to
	perform a function through an officer or agent.
<u>16.</u>	<b>Delegation by Department CEO</b>
(1)	In this section —
	authorised person means any of the following —
	(a) an officer of the Department;
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	<ul> <li>(a) an officer of the Department;</li> <li>(b) a State agency or an officer of a State agency;</li> </ul>
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(4)	The delegation may expressly authorise the delegate to further
	delegate the power or duty to an authorised person.
(5)	A person exercising or performing a power or duty that has been
	delegated to the person under or as authorised under this section
	is taken to do so in accordance with the terms of the delegation
	unless the contrary is shown.
(6)	This section does not authorise the Department CEO to delegate
	<u>a power or duty under Part 6 —</u>
	(a) to a person who is deemed to be the chief executive
	officer of a department of the Public Service by or under the Public Sector Management Act 1004 section 4: or
	the Public Sector Management Act 1994 section 4; or
	(b) to any other officer of that department of the Public Service.
(7)	Nothing in this section limits the ability of the Department CEO
	to perform a function through an officer or agent.
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	(b) for the purpose of dealing with a conflict of interest in a
	particular matter; or
	(c) for any other reason the Minister considers appropriate
	for the effective administration of this Act.
(4)	Before assigning the performance of a function under this
	section, the Minister must obtain the concurrence of the Minister responsible for the relevant State agency to which the
	assignment is to be made.
(5)	If the performance of a function is assigned under this section, a reference in this Act or an instrument under this Act to the
	Department CEO is, in connection with the performance of the
	function, taken to be a reference to the relevant State agency to
	whom the performance of the function is assigned.
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	section 16.
(7)	The Minister may revoke an assignment under this section at
	any time.
(8)	The Minister must publish notice of an assignment under this
	section, or the revocation of any such assignment, in the
	<u>Gazette.</u>
<u>18.</u>	Corporate agency for performance of Department CEO's
	<u>functions: Procurement Executive Body</u>
(1)	The Procurement Executive Body is established.
(2)	The Procurement Executive Body —
	(a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession; and
	(b) is to be governed by the Department CEO; and
	(c) is an agent of the State and has the status, immunities
	and privileges of the State.

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(3)	The Procurement Executive Body is established to provide a
	body corporate through which the Department CEO can
	perform any of the Department CEO's functions under this Act
	that can be more conveniently performed by a body corporate than an individual.
(4)	Any acts or things done through the Procurement Executive
	Body as described in subsection (3) are to be regarded as —
	(a) services under the control of the Department for the
	purposes of the <i>Financial Management Act 2006</i>
	section 52; and
	(b) operations of the Department for the purposes of Part 5
	of that Act.
(5)	Proceedings may be taken by or against the Procurement
	Executive Body in its corporate name.
19.	Execution of documents by Procurement Executive Body
(1)	
(1)	The Procurement Executive Body is to have a common seal.
(2)	A document is duly executed by the Procurement Executive
	Body if —
	(a) the common seal of the Procurement Executive Body is
	affixed to it in accordance with subsections (3) and (4);
	or
	$\underbrace{\text{Or}}_{(1)}$
	(b) it is signed on behalf of the Procurement Executive
	(b) it is signed on behalf of the Procurement Executive Body by the Department CEO or by another person
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(5)	The Procurement Executive Body may, by writing under its
	seal, authorise a person to execute deeds or other documents on
	behalf of the Procurement Executive Body, either generally or
	subject to any conditions or restrictions specified in the
	authorisation.
(6)	A document purporting to be executed in accordance with this
	section is to be presumed to be duly executed until the contrary
	<u>is shown.</u>
(7)	When a document is produced bearing a seal purporting to be
	the seal of the Procurement Executive Body, it is to be
	presumed that the seal is the common seal of the Procurement
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	<b>Part 4 — Procurement directions</b>
<u>21.</u>	General procurement directions
(1)	The Minister may issue general procurement directions relating to the procurement of goods, services or works by State agencies.
(2)	A general procurement direction may (without limitation) —
	(a) set whole -of -government rules and policies; and
	(b) implement any decision made by the Minister or Department CEO in the administration of and performance of functions under this Act; and
	(c) deal with any matter relating to procurement activities under this Act, including the following —
	(i) the method of procurement;
	(ii) the coordination of procurement;
	(iii) contracts for goods, services or works and their management and administration;
	(iv) the role of the Department CEO in undertaking procurement activities on behalf of State agencies;
	(v) investigation and complaint handling relating to procurement;
	(vi) approvals of cooperative arrangements by the Department CEO under Part 5;
	(vii) functions under Part 7 and matters relating to the suitability of suppliers.
<u>22.</u>	Agency specific procurement directions
(1)	The Minister may issue an agency specific procurement direction to a State agency relating to the procurement of goods, services or works by that State agency.

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(2)	An ag	ency specific procurement direction may (without
	limitat	<u>ion) —</u>
	<u>(a)</u>	vary the general procurement directions in their
		application to the State agency, including by modifying,
		supplementing or excluding any obligations under a general procurement direction; and
	<u>(b)</u>	impose additional obligations on the State agency in connection with its procurement activities; and
	(c)	modify or exclude obligations of the State agency (or of
		any of its sub-agencies) in connection with procurement
		activities carried out on its behalf by another State
		agency (or by other parts of the State agency) or by an authorised body; and
	<u>(d)</u>	provide for a greater or lesser role for the Department CEO in undertaking procurement activities on behalf of
		the State agency.
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(3)		ovision of a general procurement direction conflicts or is istent with a provision of an agency specific procurement
		on, the provision of the agency specific procurement
		on prevails to the extent to which the provisions conflict
	or are	inconsistent.
<u>23.</u>	Provis	sions relating to procurement directions
(1)	A gen	eral procurement direction may be —
	(a)	issued to all State agencies or to any specified kind of
		State agency; and
	(b)	issued in respect of all procurement activities of the
		agencies or any specified kind of procurement activity
		of the agencies.
(2)	An ag	ency specific procurement direction may —
	<u>(a)</u>	only be issued to a specified State agency; and
	(b)	be issued in respect of all procurement activities of the
		agency, any specified kind of procurement activity of

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	the agency or any specified procurement activity of the
	agency.
(3)	A procurement direction cannot be inconsistent with this Act.
(4)	A procurement direction may be —
	(a) issued to all State agencies or a specified kind of State agency by the publication of the direction in the manner approved by the Minister; and
	(b) issued to a specified State agency by notification in
	writing to the agency.
(5)	A procurement direction may be —
	(a) amended by a further procurement direction; or
	(b) revoked by a further procurement direction or by a
	notice of revocation issued by the Minister in the same
	manner as a procurement direction may be issued.
(6)	A procurement direction is not subsidiary legislation for the
	purposes of the Interpretation Act 1984.
(7)	The Interpretation Act 1984 sections 43 (other than
	subsection (6)) and 44 and Part VIII apply to a procurement
	direction as if it were subsidiary legislation.
<u>24.</u>	<b>Compliance with procurement directions</b>
(1)	A State agency and its officers are required to comply with
	applicable procurement directions in connection with the
	procurement of goods, services or works by the State agency.
(2)	However, a decision made, or a contract entered into, in respect
	of the procurement of goods, services or works by a State
	agency (or on its behalf) is not invalid only because a State
	agency or any other person has contravened a procurement
	direction.
(3)	A reference in this section to a State agency extends to the
	Department CEO in relation to the procurement of goods,

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services or works by	y the Department CEC	) or the establishment
of common use con	tractual arrangements.	

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) do not affect any disciplinary proceedings against a person for non-compliance with a procurement direction.

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<b>Part</b>	5 — Coordination of procurement arrangements
<u>25.</u>	Common use contractual arrangements
(1)	The Department CEO may enter into common use contractual
	arrangements, being contractual arrangements established with suppliers of particular kinds of goods, services or works, that
	may be used by State agencies for their procurement of those
	kinds of goods, services or works.
(2)	Common use contractual arrangements may be established for
	use by all State agencies or any specified kind of State agency.
(3)	Common use contractual arrangements may authorise the use of
	those arrangements by specified authorised bodies or by all or
	any specified kinds of authorised bodies for their procurement of goods, services or works.
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<u>26.</u>	<b>Cooperative arrangements: use of procurement</b>
	arrangements with suppliers established by others
(1)	A State agency may enter into a cooperative arrangement with
	another State agency or an authorised body under which one of
	them uses an arrangement with suppliers established by the other to procure particular kinds of goods, services or works.
	other to procure particular killus of goods, services of works.
(2)	
	<u>CEO to enter into a cooperative arrangement under this section</u> <u>unless the agency is authorised to do so by a procurement</u>
	direction or another written law.
<u>27.</u>	<b>Cooperative arrangements: procurement on behalf of others</b>
(1)	State agencies may enter into cooperative arrangements with
	other State agencies under which goods, services or works are
	procured by one of them on behalf of the others.
(2)	State agencies may enter into cooperative arrangements with
	authorised bodies under which goods, services or works are
	procured by one of them on behalf of the others.

page 20 Compare 19 Jun 2020 [00-a0-00] / 22 Jul 2020 [00-b0-01] Extract from www.slp.wa.gov.au, see that website for further information (3) A State agency must obtain the approval of the Department
 CEO to enter into a cooperative arrangement with an authorised
 body under subsection (2) unless the agency is authorised to do
 so by a procurement direction or another written law.

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	Part 6 — Investigation and audit
<u>28.</u>	Investigation and audit of procurement
(1)	The Department CEO has the function of investigating the procurement of goods, services or works by State agencies and auditing their compliance with this Act.
(2)	The Department CEO must establish a programme for routine investigations and audit under this Part for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of, and public confidence in, the procurement activities of State agencies.
(3)	Investigations and audit are to be conducted under this Part by the Department CEO as follows —
	(a) in accordance with the programme of investigations and audit;
	(b) in particular cases the Department CEO considers appropriate;
	(c) whenever directed by the Minister.
<u>29.</u>	Supplier complaints about procurement
(1)	A supplier of goods, services or works to a State agency may make a written complaint to the Department CEO about a failure of the State agency to comply with this Act that affects the business of the supplier.
(2)	The Department CEO may conduct an investigation under this Part into any such written complaint made by a supplier.
(3)	The Department CEO may refer the complaint to the State agency if satisfied that —
	(a) the State agency has not had a reasonable opportunity to resolve the matter itself; or
	(b) the complaint does not affect the integrity of, or public confidence in, the procurement activities of the State agency.

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(4)	An investigation into a complaint must be carried out by —		
	(a) an officer of the Department appointed by the		
	Department CEO; or		
	(b) if the Department CEO is of the opinion that the		
	<u>complaint raises a conflict of interest for officers of the</u> Department — a person appointed by the Department		
	<u>CEO who is not an officer of the Department.</u>		
(5)	A supplier who makes a complaint may withdraw the complaint		
	at any time.		
(6)	The withdrawal of a complaint does not prevent the Department		
	CEO continuing to investigate the matter under this Part.		
(7)	At the request of a supplier who makes a complaint, the		
	Department CEO may, subject to any requirement of a written		
	law, refuse to disclose in the course of an investigation or in a		
	published report information that —		
	(a) identifies the supplier as a person who has made a complaint; or		
	(b) might enable the identity of the supplier to be		
	ascertained.		
30.	State agencies to provide Department CEO with		
<u></u>	information and assistance		
(1)	A State agency must, on request, give the Department CEO any		
	information or assistance the Department CEO requires for the		
	purposes of an investigation or audit under this Part.		
(2)	For the purposes of providing that information or assistance, the		
	Department CEO may require officers of a State agency to		
	attend before the Department CEO (or a delegate of the		
	Department CEO) to answer questions relating to the		
	procurement activities of the State agency.		

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(3)	When information is given to the Department CEO, a State			
	<u>agency may —</u>			
	(a) identify information that the State agency considers			
	should not be included in a public report made by the			
	Minister or Department CEO; and			
	(b) request that the identified information not be included in			
	any such report for the reasons set out in the request.			
(4)	The Minister or Department CEO may, but is not required to,			
	comply with a request of the State agency under			
	subsection (3)(b).			
31.	Regulatory action following investigation or audit or judicial			
51.	or investigative proceedings			
(1)	This section applies if the Department CEO is satisfied that a			
	State agency has not complied with this Act following —			
. <u> </u>	(a) an investigation or audit under this Part; or			
	(b) the proceedings of any court, tribunal or investigative			
	body.			
(2)	The Department CEO may take any one or more of the			
	following actions —			
	(a) give the State agency written notice of its failure to			
	comply with this Act, detailing the measures required			
	for compliance and the period within which those			
	measures are required to be taken;			
	(b) publish in the annual report of the accountable authority			
	of the Department under the Financial Management			
	Act 2006 Part 5 the name of the State agency and the			
	manner in which the State agency has failed to comply			
	with this Act;			

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(c) take action available to the Department CEO under this Act (or recommend that the Minister take action			
	<u>available to the Minister) to —</u>		
	(i) further regulate the procurement activities of the State agency; or		
	(ii) require any of those procurement activities to be undertaken by the Department CEO or other person or body on behalf of the State agency;		
(d)	refer the matter (and information about the matter) to a		
	relevant body or officer.		
<u>(3)</u> This se	ection does not limit —		
(a)	(a) action that may be taken under this Act or any other		
	written law for any non-compliance; or		
(b)	the preparation or publication of any report on		
	compliance or non-compliance by the Department CEO		
under this Act or any other written law.			
[Part 7 has not come into operation.]			

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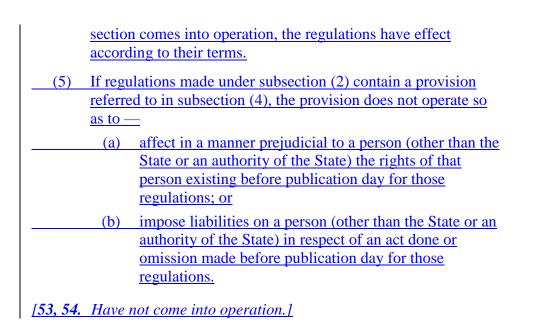
	Part 8 — Miscellaneous			
<u>37.</u>	Functions conferred or imposed on departments			
	To the extent that this Act (or a regulation, procurement direction or other instrument under this Act) confers or imposes a function on a State agency that is a department of the Public Service, the function is conferred or imposed on the chief executive officer of the department.			
<u>38.</u>	Regulations			
	The Governor may make regulations prescribing matters —			
	(a) required or permitted by this Act to be prescribed; or			
	(b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for giving effect to this Act.			
<u>39.</u>	<b>Review of Act</b>			
(1)	The Minister must review the operation and effectiveness of this Act, and prepare a report based on the review, as soon as practicable after the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day on which this section comes into operation.			
(2)	The Minister must cause the report to be laid before each House of Parliament as soon as practicable after it is prepared, but not later than 12 months after the 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.			

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	Part 9 — Repeal and transitional provisions			
<u>[40-51.</u>	Have not come into operation.]			
<u>52.</u>	Transitional regulations			
(1)	In this section —			
	<i>publication day</i> , for regulations made under subsection (2), means the day on which those regulations are published in the <i>Gazette</i> ;			
	<i>specified</i> means specified or described in regulations made under subsection (2);			
	transitional matter —			
	(a) means a matter of a transitional nature that arises as a result of the enactment of this Act; and			
	(b) includes a saving or application matter.			
(2)	If there is no sufficient provision in this Part for dealing with a transitional matter, the Governor may make regulations			
	prescribing matters —			
	(a) required to be prescribed for the purpose of dealing with the transitional matter; or			
	(b) necessary or convenient to be prescribed for the purpose of dealing with the transitional matter.			
(3)	Regulations made under subsection (2) may provide that specified provisions of this Act —			
	(a) do not apply to or in relation to a specified matter; or			
	(b) apply with specified modifications to or in relation to a			
	specified matter.			
(4)	If regulations made under subsection (2) provide that a specified state of affairs is to be taken to have existed, or not to have			
	existed, on and after a day that is earlier than publication day for those regulations but not earlier than the day on which this			

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Part 10 — Consequential amendments to other Acts			
[Divisio	ons 1-3 have not come into operation.]		
	Division 4 — <i>Health Services Act 2016</i> amended		
<u>63.</u>	Act amended		
	This Division amends the Health Services Act 2016.		
<u>64.</u>	Section 20 amended		
(1)	In section 20(1)(g) delete "subject to subsection (3),".		
(2)	In section 20(2) delete "State Supply Commission Act 1991 and the Public Works Act 1902." and insert:		
	Procurement Act 2020.		
(3)	Delete section 20(3) to (7).		
<u>65.</u>	Section 34 amended		
	In section 34(2)(1) delete "State Supply Commission Act 1991," and insert:		
	Procurement Act 2020,		

[Divisions 5-7 have not come into operation.]

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# Notes

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# **Compilation table**

Short title	Number and year	Assent	Commencement
<i>Procurement Act 2020</i> Pt. <u>+1-6 and 8, s. 52 and</u> Pt. 10 Div. <u>4</u>	24 of 2020	19 Jun 2020	Pt. 1: 19 Jun 2020 (see s. 2(a))); Pt. 2-6 and 8, s. 52 and Pt. 10 Div. 4: 22 Jul 2020 (see s. 2(b) and SL 2020/122 cl. 2)

# **Uncommenced provisions table**

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Short title	Number and year	Assent	Commencement
Procurement Act 2020 Pt. <u>2-7</u> , s. 40-51, s. 53 and <u>54 and Pt. 10 Div. 1-3 and</u> <u>5-7</u>	24 of 2020	19 Jun 2020	To be proclaimed <u>1</u> Jun 2021 (see s. 2(b <del>))</del> ) and SL 2020/244 cl. 2)

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