



## DSA procurement reforms – response to follow-up question

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Further to the Q&A published on Wednesday, 16 March, we have received some follow-up questions.

We would like to reiterate that, at the moment, we can only answer questions relating to what was presented at the supplier day. We cannot answer questions relating to the detail that will follow in subsequent stages of the procurement.

However, we have received several questions in relation to supplier configuration and suppliers not being awarded more than two lots. In particular, these questions are seeking clarification on sub-contractors or groups of sub-contractors being involved in bids for multiple lots and multiple bids for the same lots.

### **Answer:**

All suppliers can bid for as many lots as they wish. Suppliers can also be part of multiple bids for the same lot.

Any one supplier can only be awarded a maximum of two lots, whether that involvement is as prime / lead, key subcontractor, or as a member of a Joint Venture, Consortium or Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) as further set out below.

This restriction shall also apply such that if a supplier is part of an ownership group, the maximum of two lots shall apply across any and all group entities (including parent entities).

This restriction shall also apply to related suppliers, and / or members of a joint venture, consortium or SPV members, such that if a supplier has an ownership interest of 10% or more in another supplier or proposed supplier, the maximum of two lots shall apply across such related companies.

All key subcontractors must be identified by the prime contractor as part of the bid process. A key subcontractor will be delivering at least 20% of the proposed bid by value.

If, in the process of award, a supplier (as a prime / lead, key subcontractor, member of a Joint Venture, Consortium, SPV member) is involved in bids that have already been awarded 2 lots, no further bids that the supplier is part of will be considered.

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