Question:

1. In May last year, the Government revised the guidelines on government service contracts that rely heavily on the deployment of non-skilled workers. Under the guidelines, in the marking scheme for assessing tenders adopted by a department, the part on technical evaluation should include by default the proposed wage rates and working hours of non-skilled workers as the assessment criteria. As far as the Lands Department (LandsD) is concerned, what are the respective weightings for the price and technical aspects in the existing assessment mechanism for service contracts involving non-skilled workers? In addition, what are the weightings assigned to such items as wage rate, working hours, other labour rights and benefits in the technical evaluation of service contracts involving non-skilled workers? What weightings do these items carry respectively in the overall score?

2. Further to the above, how many government outsourced service contracts involving non-skilled workers have been awarded by LandsD in total since the implementation of the guidelines (up till now)? What are the respective numbers of these contracts that involve street cleansing services, management of public toilets, waste collection, collection of recyclable materials and security services?

3. Further to the above, since the implementation of the guidelines (up till now), has the Government compiled any statistics on the number of outsourced service contracts successfully awarded under which the non-skilled workers are entitled to higher wage rates than before? If yes, please state the number; if no, what are the reasons? Will the Government consider evaluating the effectiveness of the new assessment mechanism?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (LegCo internal reference no.: 907)
Reply:

1&2. Since the implementation of the revised guidelines on government procurement in May 2019, the Lands Department (LandsD) has awarded two contracts involving non-skilled workers for provision of security guard services. In accordance with the requirements under the revised guidelines, LandsD assessed the tenders by adopting a weighting of 50% on tender price and 50% on technical aspects. For the criterion of technical aspects, monthly wage rate, proposed daily maximum working hours and compliance record in non-skilled worker contracts carry 25%, 8% and 7% of the marks of the technical aspects respectively.

3. The abovementioned two contracts for provision of security guard services awarded after implementation of the revised guidelines offered a monthly wage of $9,765. This is higher than the wage rate offered in the previous contracts awarded in the year 2017.

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