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Contract management processes at local governments need improving

The Auditor General's latest *Local Government Contract Extensions and Variations* report has tabled in Parliament today.

The audit found contract management policies and procedures at most of the sampled local government entities lacked appropriate guidance for staff to correctly and consistently process extensions and variations.

Some contract variations were not approved by delegated officers, contract registers were missing key information required for effective contract management and for some contracts there was no evidence of review of contractor performance prior to contract extension.

'Local government entities need to enhance their policies with comprehensive guidance for staff, to help ensure their contract management is effective, meets the standards expected by the community and the Parliament, and provides good value for money for the ratepayer,' Ms Spencer said.

The audit report contains recommendations and better practice guidance to assist all local government entities, including those not audited, to improve their contract management processes.

Report resources

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