

THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Request for Tender in relation to the procurement of Carpet Laying Services

Clarification Questions - 18 July 2022

CQ No. 1- Question

Is all of the perimeter carpet gripper to be removed and replaced?

CQ No. 1- Response

The existing gripper is unlikely to support power stretching, there are numerous examples of damaged and rusted gripper, the gripper is poorly positioned to retain the tuck required.

CQ No. 2 - Question

Is it possible to confirm the anticipated delivery dates of the new carpet and what carpet is being delivered and in what quantities?

CQ No.2- Response

We are advised by our carpet manufacturer that the C1 carpet is due to dock in Sydney on the 2nd August with C2 & C3 due mid to late August and C4 arriving in two containers in late August and early September.

CQ No. 3 - Question

Where are Brintons delivering the carpet? Have they allowed to deliver it to Canberra?

CQ No. 3 – Response

The carpet supplier will deliver all carpet to The High Court Canberra in the quantities and specific roll lengths for each separate area to meet the agreed program of works. The Contractor is required to liaise with the carpet supplier to prebook the delivery. Tenderers will not be required to store carpet at their own warehouse.

CQ No. 4 – Question

The DJAS specification refers to the removal and storage of furniture, could you confirm where we can store the furniture if there is no place in the area to be accessed.

CQ No. 4- Response

The Court will provide to all registered tenderers details of the information that will be provided to registered tenderers at site visits including drawings and photographs of moveable furniture on each floor of the Court building in particular any very large moveable furniture and fixed furniture. We believe that this will be of more assistance to registered tenderers than simply providing a list of movable furniture. This document will provide information about volume and the nature of the furniture to be moved. However, there may be furniture that needs to be removed and stored off-site, there may also be furniture that can be moved to another area on a floor while carpet laying takes place - this would depend on advice from the contractor at the time - and finally there may be furniture or moveable heritage that because of its significance may need to be moved to another

floor in the Court building rather than stored off-site. These particular circumstances would be managed in consultation with the contractor”.

IT equipment including photocopiers and computers will be moved by the Court’s staff.

CQ No. 5 - Question

The DJAS specification notes that the existing edge strips and nosings may be re-used if they are in good condition but does not reference any make good or re-polishing prior to re-installation?

CQ No. 5 – Response

The Court’s Heritage Management Plan recommends retaining original building fabric wherever possible. Consequently, after receiving advice from both an accessibility and a heritage consultant, the Architect has recommended retaining where possible the original stair nosings in all three courtrooms. The original nosings will be lifted, cleaned and replaced. There are two different stair nosings in both Courts 1 and 2, plain brass and brass with black infill.

The architects have recommended a solid brass nosing with a black infill for all other areas throughout the Court where the carpet is being replaced. It will look similar to the nosing on the left below. However, if the luminance contrast between the stair nosing and the carpet is less than 30%, the Architect recommends using the equivalent stair nosing in aluminium steel in order to meet Code. The luminance tests have yet to be undertaken. Images are provided in the “Further Information” document.

CQ No. 6 – Question

Could you forward photographs of the carpet details as discussed this morning.

CQ No. 6 – Response

We have received a number of requests for clarification including a request for photos of the carpet details. Consequently we have set up a Dropbox which all registered and potential tenderers will be able to access - this will include photos of carpet details. The link to access the Dropbox will be available on the website and will be provided on request to CL.RFT2022@hcourt.gov.au.

CQ No. 7 – Question

Could you forward photographs of the heritage furniture to be moved.

CQ No. 7 - Response

We have received a number of requests for clarification including a request for photos of heritage furniture to be moved. Consequently we have set up a Dropbox which all registered and potential tenderers will be able to access - this will include photos of heritage furniture and floor plans. The link to access the Dropbox will be available on the website and will be provided via on request to CL.RFT2022@hcourt.gov.au. However it should be noted that the issue of which furniture may need to be moved and where it may be moved to is subject the Court’s response to question 4 above.

CQ No. 8 – Question

In table 2.2 Installation Timeframes it references “Period 1-7” could you please confirm what this references?

CQ No. 8 – Response

The High Court sits for two weeks every month with the exception of July and January. Large projects such as carpet replacement cannot be undertaken during sitting weeks due to the disruption to the Court's operations. Consequently the periods referred to identify non-sitting periods where carpet laying can be undertaken. The non-sitting periods can include weekends of non-sitting weeks as negotiated with the HCA Project Officer.

CQ No. 9 – Question

Given the amount of logistics around the movement of furniture etc we would like to apply for an extension of time of 2 weeks to accurately assess the quantity of furniture to be moved.

CQ No. 9 – Response

- The Closing Time will be extended until 2:00pm Canberra time on Monday 1 August 2022; and
- The Deadline for Submission of Tenderers' Questions will be extended until 2:00pm Canberra time on 25 July 2022.

CQ No. 10 – Question

Can you confirm if the existing carpet is direct stuck, dual bond or conventionally installed;

CQ No. 10 – Response:

Conventionally installed except on Ramp 7 and on the window sills.

CQ No. 11 – Question

Will the carpet be delivered directly to the High Court or whether the carpet installers need to include a provision to receive into their warehouse and freight out as per staging requirements;

CQ No. 11 – Response:

See response for Question 3.

CQ No. 12 – Question

The spec references that some of the carpet is brought up the walls, need to confirm that the Brintons take off has allowed for this and in which areas.

CQ No. 12 – Response

This has been measured as part of the site measure.