


- d. flexibility of the proposal (including innovation and adaptability over the lifecycle of the *procurement*);
- e. environmental sustainability of the proposed *goods* and *services* (such as energy efficiency, environmental impact and use of recycled products); and
- f. whole-of-life costs.

4.6 Whole-of-life costs could include:

- a. the initial purchase price of the *goods* and *services*;
- b. maintenance and operating costs;
- c. transition out costs;
- d. licensing costs (when applicable);
- e. the cost of additional features procured after the initial procurement;
- f. consumable costs; and
- g. disposal costs.

Broader benefits to the Australian economy

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- 4.7 In addition to the value for money considerations at paragraphs 4.4 – 4.6, for *procurements* above \$4 million (or \$7.5 million for *construction services*) (except *procurements* covered by Appendix A and *procurements* from *standing offers*), *officials* are required to consider the economic benefit of the *procurement* to the Australian economy.
 - 4.8 The policy operates within the context of relevant national and international agreements and *procurement* policies to which Australia is a signatory, including free trade agreements and the Australia and New Zealand Government Procurement Agreement.

Procurement-connected policies

- 4.9 Procurement-connected policies are policies of the Commonwealth for which *procurement* has been identified as a means of delivery. To assist *relevant entities* in complying with policies of the Commonwealth, Finance maintains a list of procurement-connected policies, which can be found at www.finance.gov.au/procurement.
- 4.10 Generally, procurement-connected policies are the responsibility of entities other than Finance. The relevant policy-owning entity is responsible for administering, reviewing and providing information on the policy as required.

Coordinated procurement

- 4.11 Coordinated procurement refers to whole-of-government arrangements for procuring *goods* and *services*. A list of coordinated procurements can be found at www.finance.gov.au/procurement.