

Definition - Government Building Project

Government building project generally means a building project for a 'government department', as defined in the *Financial Accountability Act 2009*. A government building project must be owned by a government department on completion.

Work covered by this definition includes:

- a) the erection, establishment or construction of a building; or
 - b) any maintenance of a building assessed as high risk/significant; or
 - c) the repair, renovation, refurbishment, alteration, extension or improvement of a building or maintenance of a building combined with any of these works; or
 - d) the demolition or removal of a building; or
 - e) any site work (defined as building work under the *Queensland Building Services Authority Act 1991*) related to work of any kind associated with a) to d) above as a separate contract in itself;
- or
- f) the provision of services generally (including but not limited to power, lighting, communications, security systems, fire, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lifts, travelators and escalators, water supply, sewerage or drainage) under installation or supply and installation contracts associated with a) to d) above as a separate contract in itself,

but excludes:

- g) service maintenance contracts associated with a building;
- h) the construction, maintenance or repair of a road under the *Land Act 1994*;
- i) the construction, maintenance or repair of a bridge;
- j) the construction, maintenance or repair of railway tracks, signals or associated structures;
- k) the construction, maintenance or repair of harbours, wharfs and other marine structures not related to land based building work; and
- l) the construction, maintenance or repair of a dam.

The majority of government building projects involves construction of new buildings, extensions to buildings or major refurbishments to existing buildings.

Notwithstanding, this definition should be taken as a guide only and is not exhaustive. This definition does not capture grants to organisations that are external to government departments, although government departments making grants to such organisations may, at their discretion and after receiving advice from the Department of Housing and Public Works, attach conditions to a grant to give effect to specific elements of the *Capital Works Management Framework*.

Enquiries on the applicability to particular government building projects should be directed to the Building Policy Unit, Department of Housing and Public Works.