Innovation Questions in PCS Contract Notices

When creating a Contract Notice in Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) for a regulated procurement you will need to answer two new questions which are:

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New PCS Innovation Questions

- With reference to ensuring this procurement meets the sustainable procurement duty, before carrying out this regulated procurement, have you considered how in conducting the procurement process it could promote innovation?
- Are “innovative” works, supplies or services being bought?

Both of these questions are checkbox answers where you will respond with a Yes or No.

Please note that these questions are not published on PCS and are used for reporting purposes only.

Highlighting innovation within public sector contracts is important for a number of reasons:

- it allows organisations to report on the creation of innovative goods and services
- by reporting on innovation, it provides the potential to commercially scale opportunities
- by understanding contracts for innovative goods and services it will allow other organisations to learn and benefit from the work of others

- it highlights the Sustainable Procurement Duty to promote innovation before a regulated procurement is carried out

The next page includes information on the Research, Pilot and Innovation Register.