

VHCC PANEL - EXTENSION OF TENDER TO 5.30 PM ON 27 JULY

Following the announcement on 13 August that the LSC had exercised its discretion to extend the closing time for receipt of tenders on 27 July from 12 noon to 5.30 pm, we have received several requests for information on the justification for this and the names of firms who have benefited from this. This letter sets out the information requested. We wish to make clear however that the LSC has, under its Conditions of Tender, unqualified discretion to change the terms of the tender, including the deadline for delivery, and can do so after the closure of the tender.

1. At 12 noon on 27 July 2007, the LSC had received 365 applications.
2. Due to the changes to the criteria as specified above, the following firms had their tender applications accepted :

Blaser Mills
Criminal Law Advocates
De Bridge Solicitors
Drummonds Kirkwood
Egole Solicitors
Ennon & Co
Griffiths Robertson
Hanif & Co
HKH Kenwright & Cox
Manifold & Nasser
Needleman Treon
Polecoff Solicitors
Reids Sinclair
SJ Law
Tuckers
Vahib & Co

3. Two applicants were granted an extension beyond 27 July because of the effect of flood damage- they are Leviten Thompson & Co and Caldicott Solicitors.