Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says there should be an immediate and open inquiry into the letting of the Rosebury school contract where a contractor who was not only was the highest bidder was also over $11m the budgeted cost for the school.

Questions need to be asked as to why other high quality companies who also have a good track record such as Sitzler and Norbuilt were passed over when they had much lower tenders?

Why was a tender given to a company $11 over the budgeted cost?

Did the Department have a document showing a 3-D version of the new school which was released to only one tenderer?

Why did it only take 3 days to announce the winning tender when even a $300k-$500k tender would take weeks before it was properly accessed and a winning tenderer announced?

Did Procurement Review Board review the process and if not why not?

Was the lowest tenderer spoken to by the Department first as required under the Australian Standard Code of Tendering?

Why is a weighting system used instead of going for the lowest price especially when all the companies applying are already CAL accredited i.e. they are capable of doing the job?

Construction companies and the taxpayer have right to know what is going on. Many questions need to be answered before this issue is going to go away.