



The **Department of Agriculture and Rural Development** has received a number of concerns from the public against “unscrupulous individuals who are defrauding innocent businesses, disguised as representatives of the Department”. The scam involves fraudsters contacting bidders requesting them to pay for tenders issued for those bidders to be awarded contracts. This is a serious offence and is impacting the reputation of the Department and its employees negatively.

It is due to this reason that the Department has resolved not to issue the prices of bids received on closing but only names of bidders that submitted their offers.

Bidders are advised however that closing registers will be made available via email only to the bidders that have submitted their offers.

This is done to protect the potential service providers from being scammed by these insensitive individuals.

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