

Answers
to Questions Raised at the Meeting
of the Public Council concerning the Implementation of
the Comfortable School National Project
(hereinafter – the National Project)

1. Regarding the share of local content in goods and construction and installation works

According to the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan of November 30, 2022, No. 963, a number of measures are planned to support domestic commodity producers, including in agreements for the design and turnkey construction of facilities concluded by Samruk-Kazyna Construction JSC with contractors, there is an obligation to purchase goods and services primarily from domestic producers. For the violation of these conditions, penalties are prescribed.

Overall, the share of local content under EPC contracts, determined after the schools are put into operation, averages **89%**, of which:

- share of local content in goods (materials and equipment) – **76%**;
- share of local content in the works is **100%**.

2. On lifts and inclusive education support offices

1) In accordance with the requirements of SP RK 3.06-101-2012 “Design of Buildings and Structures Taking into Account Accessibility for People with Limited Mobility,” it is recommended to install ramps to ensure barrier-free access to buildings for people with limited mobility (items 4.3.2.17.). However, if the height of the ramp is 0.8 m or more, it should be replaced with lifting devices (items 4.3.2.20.).

At the same time, given the conditions of operation of buildings in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the installation of lifting platforms outdoors is an impractical solution, since in winter the equipment may become inoperable due

to the freezing of mechanisms and hydraulics, and ice and snowfall create safety risks for users, as well as requiring a significant increase in heating costs and regular maintenance.

Taking these factors into account, ramps are to be installed at school entrances where there are height differences of up to 0.8 m, and lifting devices are to be installed where there are significant height differences.

Thus, the selected draft decisions ensure full compliance with current regulations and guarantee safe and year-round accessibility to schools for people with limited mobility;

2) and 4) in the school in **Asha village, Shornak rural district**, as in all schools in accordance with the Decree of the Government of November 30, 2022, No. 963, there is a 40 m² inclusive education support room (*supporting photos and video materials were provided in the working order*).

For information:

According to the Decree of the Government of November 30, 2022, No. 963, school designs must include one inclusive education support room with an area of at least 35 m².

Thus, all 208 schools have one room with an area ranging from 35 to 55.23 m².

In general, all school buildings are equipped with ramps, corridors and doorways of the required width, access for PLM to assembly halls and libraries, and changing rooms, bathrooms, etc. that meet the requirements.;

3) Schools with a capacity of 300 to 2 000 school places should have **one passenger lift** (*two lifts for 2 500 school places*) in accordance with the established requirements for lift cabin parameters, door opening dimensions, lift button height, and the presence of handrails. According to SN RK 3.0-01-2011 and SP RK 3.06-101-2012 “Design of Buildings and Structures Taking into Account Accessibility for People with Limited Mobility. General Provisions”, the minimum dimensions of an elevator must be 1300 (width) x 2100 (depth) mm, which is taken into account in the National Project.

3. On the issue of the collapse of the roof of a 1 200-seat school gymnasium in Atyrau microdistrict, Kulsary town, Zhyloi district, Atyrau region

According to preliminary data, the collapse was caused by violations of the conditions for the storage and warehousing of building materials. In particular, building materials weighing more than 6 tons were placed on a limited area of the roof of the sports hall, which led to local damage of the structure.

Samruk-Kazyna Construction JSC has established a commission consisting of management, technical and design supervision representatives to conduct a detailed investigation of the situation. In addition, to verify the load-bearing capacity of the structures and their compliance with the draft decisions, a contract was signed with CaspianTechStroyProject LLP for a technical inspection of the facility, with the conclusion expected by October 10, 2025.

A work execution design (WED) has been developed and approved to remedy the consequences within 40 days (*by October 13, 2025*). The duration of the restoration work will depend on the results of the technical inspection.

All identified violations will be remedied by the contractor at its own expense.

In order to ensure the timely commissioning of the school, Samruk-Kazyna Construction JSC (*hereinafter – the Company*), together with the general contractor Turan Ascent LLP and the regional akimat, are taking measures to increase the workforce and equipment, as well as to redirect resources.

Compliance with the work schedule is also monitored on an ongoing basis, with weekly on-site meetings held at construction sites involving all parties engaged in the project. Experts from the design and technical supervision teams provide weekly and monthly reports to the eQurylys IS, while general contractors provide weekly photo reports.

4. According to the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan of November 30, 2022, No. 963, “On the Approval of the Pilot National Project in Education “Comfortable School” (*hereinafter – the DGRK*), the Company carries out targeted construction of new secondary education facilities, which involves the purchase of goods, works, and services related to

the construction of facilities and the commissioning of new school places on a turnkey basis.

The Company has concluded **turnkey** design and construction agreements (*hereinafter – agreements*) for all 208 facilities with consortium leaders (*hereinafter – contractors*).

For information:

*In accordance with item 3 of Article 651 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in a **turnkey** construction agreement, the contractor assumes **all obligations** related to construction and **its provision** and is to deliver to the customer a facility **ready for operation** pursuant to the terms of the agreement.*

The agreements concluded by the Company stipulate the obligations of the contractor to conclude goods (*equipment*) purchase agreements in due time and liability for failure to fulfill these obligations. The agreements also provide for a 3-year warranty for goods (*equipment*).

For information:

*According to item 5.1.7. of the agreement, **the contractor undertakes to conclude agreements for the supply of furniture, educational, engineering, and interactive equipment** with software to the Object within 30 (thirty) working days after receiving a positive conclusion from a comprehensive non-departmental examination of the DED.*

In the event of the Contractor's failure to fulfill its obligations under the Agreement, except as provided for in Section 14 of the Agreement, the Customer shall have the right to charge the Contractor a penalty in the amount of 0.1% of the total price of the Agreement for each calendar day of delay, but not exceeding 10% of the total amount of the Agreement. (item 10.7.).

The warranty period for the structural elements of the Object is 120 months and 36 months for interior finishing materials, engineering systems, fittings, and equipment from the date of registration of the Commissioning Certificate for the Object with the authorized state body (item 9.7).

Thus, issues related to the supply of equipment refers to the exclusive competence of contractors, who are responsible and liable under the terms of the contracts concluded.

At the same time, in accordance with the positive conclusions of Gosexpertiza RSE on the DED, the percentage of the cost of the Technological Solutions section

(built-in furniture, office equipment, technological equipment (school supplies)) in terms of school capacity averages:

- 1) for 300 places (39 schools) – 12.03%;
- 2) for 600 places (47 schools) – 12.76%;
- 3) for 900 places (26 schools) – 13.22%;
- 4) for 1200 places (35 schools) – 14.79%;
- 5) for 1500 places (22 schools) – 14.88%;
- 6) for 2000 places (37 schools) – 14.50%;
- 7) for 2500 places (2 schools) – 13.79%.