

# Purchasing Practices in a Regional Engineering Dept.

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## When did the Ombudsman visit WHCG



- He didn't
- 39 recommendations
- Half directly affect engineering
- Need to review our procedures
- Probity and Financial aspects

Concentrate on “Getting The Job Done”

# Getting The Job Done

- NUM is screaming “fix our pan flusher”



# Getting The Job Done

- “We have gastro in ward!!!”



# Getting The Job Done

- Plumber is on holiday!



# Getting The Job Done

- Who do you call?
- Any Plumber who will come



# Getting The Job Done

- Do we have a contract?
- How much will they charge?
- Is there a probity issue?
- Did we consider these issues?

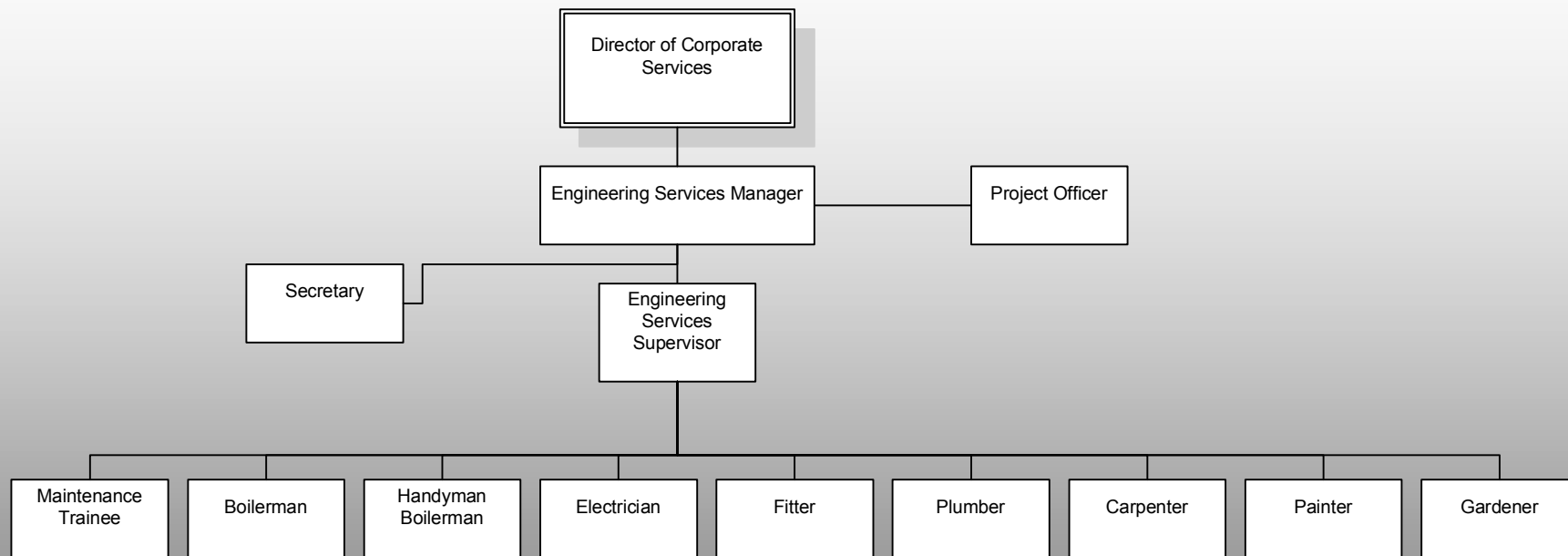


# Availability of contractors in the country

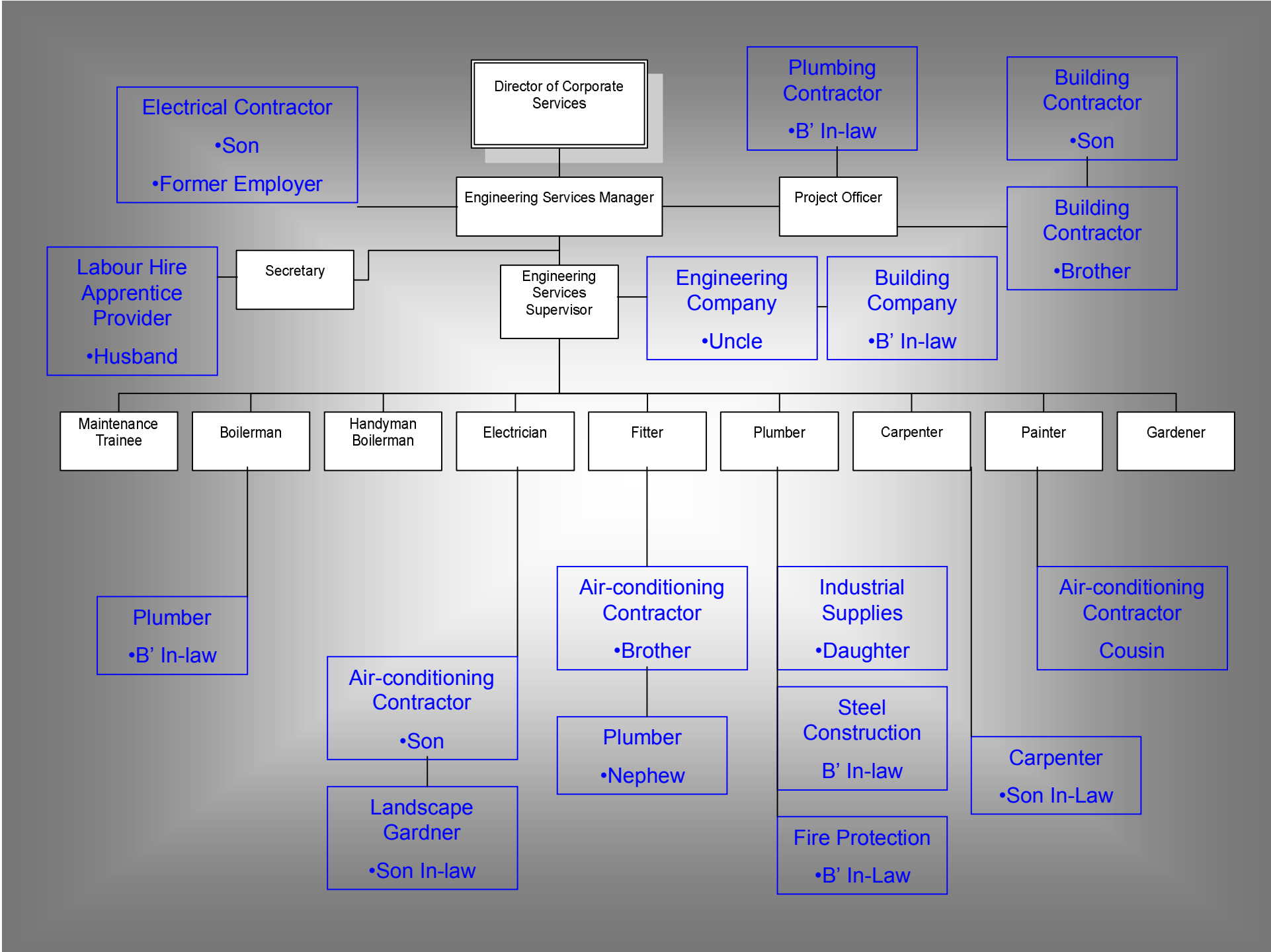
- How many Electricians?
  - Availability = 2
- How many Plumbers?
  - Availability = 2
- How many carpenters?
  - Availability = can't get any!!



# Organisation Chart Wimmera Health Care Group Engineering Services



# Relationship of local contractors to Engineering staff



# Selecting Contractors

- Quality of work
- Availability when required
- Cost

## **How Much Do You Pay**

Electrician

Plumber

Refrigeration Tech

# Relationship with Contractors

- Value for money
- Pay on time
- Availability
- Working with
- Relaxing with



# Engineering in Country Hospitals

- Maintenance (Engineering) Staff – limited
- Rely on Contractors
- Difficulties with changing regulations
- Many audits to deal with
- We can do “Probity” better...

...when **not** “Getting The Job Done”

