

1: Leonard Fletcher (Author of An Introduction To Standard Phraseology For Bills Of Quantities)

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It symbolizes technique and the extent of details possessed by the QS and at the same time, a portrayal of meticulous effort made to the construction industry. One of the key elements of a bill is the item description for which the sentences help estimator to understand and subsequently derive competitive price for an item. Without an accurate and reliable item description, the true meaning of an item will constantly be in doubt. The aim of this study is to revisit technique available in framing descriptions. The fundamental objective is to present the technique and to provide samples for the purpose of exemplification through a well planned and extensive desk study. The existence of the format which origin was untraced, provides a basis to explain works which are to be carried out, its unit of measurement, rate and total amount in monetary value for which the works will be executed by the contractor. Shamsulhadi Bandi Description of items in the bills of quantities BQ technique revisits. Research in Quantity Surveying. In order to come out with a complete bill, two vital processes are identified which are: A bill is therefore representing qualitative and quantitative information essential for the contractor to execute the works and for the client and consultant QS to monitor work progress. It must be laid out in a manner regulated and use phraseology which is approved by the Standard Method of Measurement. SMM2, an issue which needs clarification by which this study will attempt to report and provide insight. The fundamental objective of this study is therefore to present technique available for framing a description and to provide samples for the purpose of exemplification. Findings from this study are vital to re-empower the Quantity Surveying profession and the industry at large. Study Purpose and Methodology The study was conducted with an aim to revisit available technique in drafting item description in Bills of Quantities BQ through constructing samples from selected work items. It is believed that standard technique is available for use and eventually the quality of descriptions available will improve. With the above purpose in mind, this study will employ solely desk study as to revisit the technique and construction of samples. Due to time limitation, the study has restricted the example to be on finishing items for internal works. The selection is done based on the premise that: It is therefore important that a description must follow certain standard in this case, the SMM in which all tenderers will have the same basis for pricing thus eliminating ambiguity in deriving competitive and comparable rates. The SMM on the other hand, is a document that provides not only a uniform basis for measuring building work but also embodies the essentials of good practice Willis and Trench, p. Accordingly, framing of description must follow standard and should be in context with rules outlined by the SMM. Ibrahim, Roy, Ahmed and Imtiaz, p. The root for the imbalances at least to the Quantity Surveyors may have been caused for non-compliance with certain standard which eventually lead to weaknesses faced by the MCI. Framing of Description "Technique re-visit The framing of descriptions so that they are both clear and concise is an art not easily acquired, but one which is of the utmost value Lee et. Quantity Surveyors who write the description must aim at writing a clear, concise, and short but yet easily comprehensible description which gives the estimator instant views of what is actually described. Seeley for instance, noted that considerable care and skill are required to frame adequate, and yet at the same time concise descriptions, and this is probably the most difficult aspect of taking off process, p. According to Abdul Rashid, the following details are normally included in framing of descriptions along with applicable section in the SMM2, p. The main feeder of the technique therefore is the information available in the second column SMM2 Requirements with phraseology style largely still dependent with the writers. The final output of the technique, i. Seeley and Winfield, p. Should the situation appear, then the description is lacking in some essential feature. Both authors have suggested two different approaches with regard to phraseology style in framing a description. Though two approaches were identified in Seeley and Winfield, p. The second column i. Example of full description: Cement and sand 1: Bills of Quantities "Are they still useful and relevant today? Pengenalan Ukur Kuantiti Binaan I. An International Journal, Vol. BQ Phraseology for Architectural Works. Building Quantities Explained 5th Ed. Quantity Surveying Practice 2nd Ed.

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