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Ms Helen Burnet MP  
Parliament House

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Dear Ms Burnet

In Parliament on 5 November 2025, you asked the following question of me as Minister for Housing and Planning:

*My question is on behalf of a doctor and his wife who's also a health professional. They arrived in Tasmania to work at the Royal Hobart Hospital in January of this year, along with their three school-aged children. My constituents are desperate to find suitable housing. They're living in inadequate housing in the northern suburbs currently and may need to leave Tasmania if another more suitable option isn't secured. What is your government doing to address the rental affordability and housing prices for essential workers like this family who moved to Tasmania for work?*

Thank you for this question.

Demand for housing in Tasmania continues to grow, with rental vacancy rates sitting at around 1% across the three major population centres. This high demand is replicated in other states and territories, as a result of shortages in supply increasing prices of available homes.

Regarding rental properties for essential workers, we are working in collaboration with other agencies to implement more key worker accommodation, ensuring our essential workers can live in the communities they serve. In conjunction with the Department of Health have made properties available in key population centres around Tasmania. We are in the process of securing more key worker accommodation in Queenstown for example.

We are working hard to increase the supply of housing stock through releasing suitable land and incentives to encourage the building of new properties and enable first home buyers the opportunity to buy their own home.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
Minister for Housing and Planning