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NOTICES OF QUESTION

No. 16

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

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37 Ms *Burnet* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to medical practitioner shortages:—

- (1) How many Rural Generalists are currently employed within the Tasmanian Health Service (by region, hospital or service, and employment status) and what is the total expenditure?
- (2) How many Rural Generalists, if any have left employment with the Tasmanian Health Service in the last two years?
- (3) How many Rural Generalist trainees are currently undertaking training in Tasmania?
- (4) Of the Rural Generalists currently working in Tasmania, how many completed training in Tasmania and how many were recruited interstate or internationally?
- (5) How many locum doctors have been employed by the Tasmanian Health Service since January 2023 (by specialty, hospital, average contract duration) and what is the total expenditure including a breakdown by region?
- (6) Has the Department undertaken any cost comparison analyses between employing locum specialists, permanent specialists, and Rural Generalists?
- (7) What steps is the Government taking to improve recruitment and retention of permanent rural GPs and Rural Generalists rather than relying on short-term locum arrangements?
- (8) How many General Practitioners with a Special Interest (GPwSI) are currently employed or contracted by the Tasmanian Health Service?
- (9) In which specialty areas (e.g. dermatology, mental health, ENT) are GPwSIs currently engaged?
- (10) What funding has been allocated to support GPwSI roles in Tasmania in each of the past five years?
- (11) Has the Government undertaken any modelling, or data collection, on how GPwSIs are alleviating specialist outpatient waiting lists? (16 June 2026)

38 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to data provided in response to constituent questions surrounding Heart Health issues presentations to Emergency Departments across Tasmania:—

- (1) Is it the case that for people aged zero to 30 years, there was a 142 per cent increase from 154 presentations in October 2020 to 374 presentations recorded in October 2021?
(a) if these figures are not correct, please outline why not, with alternate figures.
- (2) Is it the case that there was a 120 per cent increase for those aged zero to 40 years, from 268 presentations to the Emergency Department in October 2020 to 592 presentations to the Emergency Department in October 2021?
(a) if these figures are not correct, please outline why not, with alternate figures.
- (3) Regarding the increases detailed in (1) and (2):—
 - (a) what were the top twenty leading causes of heart health presentations to the Emergency department over that time, for both those aged zero to 30 years and those aged zero to 40 years?
 - (b) were there any known triggers at the time?
 - (c) were there any known triggers in the period after October 2021?
 - (d) if yes to (3)(c), when were these triggers first identified?

- (e) in emergency department presentations seen from July 2021 onwards, can you outline what environmental factors there were, if any, for young people that may have contributed to this increase?
- (f) has your office, the Tasmanian Health Department, and/or the Tasmanian Health Service investigated or inquired as to the cause of these increases in heart health presentations at any time between 1 July 2020 and the 30 June 2026? If so:—
 - (i) who coordinated the investigation or inquiry?
 - (ii) on what date did these investigations commence?
 - (iii) on what date did these investigations conclude (if so)?
 - (iv) if investigations are still active, when are they expected to conclude?
 - (v) what has been identified, if anything, as the cause or causes of these increases?
 - (vi) has this information been provided to the public at any point since being reported internally, and if so, where and when was this information published?
 - (vii) what changes or interventions, if any, were made when the issues became known?
 - (viii) what changes or interventions, if any, were made when investigations were complete?
 - (ix) who was responsible for these changes or interventions?
 - (x) did these changes or interventions achieve outcomes, and if so, what?
- (4) Tasmanian population statistics sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), do not show increases at the same rate as emergency department presentations for heart health issues:—
 - (a) can you confirm that estimates from the ABS across that period saw an increase of 8,402 people from 559,427 in September 2020 to 567,829 in September 2021?
 - (b) can you confirm that the numerical increase in (4)(a) shows an approximate increase of 1.5 per cent?
 - (c) can you confirm that the ABS population estimates for those aged zero to 30 years in June 2020 was 204,866?
 - (d) can you confirm that the ABS population estimates for Tasmania showed an increase of 2,067 from 204,866 in June 2020 to 206,933 by June 2021 for those aged zero to 30 years?
 - (e) can you confirm that this increase in shown in (4)(d) represented a combined population trend upwards of approximately 1.01 per cent for males and females in that cohort?
 - (f) please explain the significant increase in heart health presentations of 142 per cent for young Tasmanians, when Tasmania's population only increased by 1 per cent over a similar time frame?
- (5) In relation to males and females aged 41 years and older, please provide data that shows Statewide Emergency Department presentations for Heart Health related issues for Tasmanians between October 2020 and October 2021.
- (6) Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2023, please provide the statewide emergency department presentation data for heart health issues, comparing both male and female presentations, for each month, with a breakdown by age cohort as follows:—
 - (a) 0-10 years;
 - (b) 11-20 years;
 - (c) 21-30 years;
 - (d) 31-40 years;
 - (e) 41-50 years;
 - (f) 51-60 years;
 - (g) 61-70 years;
 - (h) 71-80 years;
 - (i) 81-90 years;
 - (j) 91-100 years; and
 - (k) 101 years and above. (17 June 2026)

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Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Sport:—

- (1) With reference to the disparities in state sports funding where Australian Rules Football reportedly receives approximately \$540 per participant, basketball receives \$138, and soccer receives just \$19, and noting that AFL projects receive over half of the state's sports infrastructure funding, please provide a comprehensive, itemised breakdown of all sports infrastructure funding and grant allocations across the forward estimates (2026-27 to 2029-30), specifically detailing:—
 - (a) the exact dollar amount and percentage of total funding allocated specifically to:—

- (i) dedicated men's sports infrastructure and programs;
- (ii) dedicated women's sports infrastructure and programs; and
- (iii) co-educational or gender-neutral community facilities.
- (b) the specific funding proportions allocated to elite, high-performance, and stadium-focused streams versus distributed, direct-upgrade grants for grassroots community clubs and junior associations;
- (c) a transparent breakdown of the funding pipeline by sporting code and by local government region over the forward estimates; and
- (d) what specific structural mechanisms or equity frameworks the Department using to ensure that sports highly accessible to diverse demographics including women, girls, youth, and migrant communities are not financially marginalised in favour of historically dominant codes. (17 June 2026)

46 Ms *Rosol* to ask the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation—With respect to children detained in adult prison watch-houses:—

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Minister for Children and Youth about children in reception prison watch-houses since 1 July 2025, and what were the dates of these meetings?
- (2) What steps have been taken to identify alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses since the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania's Children in Tasmania's prisons Review report 2025?
- (3) What alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses have been identified?
- (4) What steps have been taken to implement identified alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses?
- (5) What is the full-time equivalent of staff allocated to identifying alternatives to holding children in reception prison watch-houses? (13 August 2026)

47 Mrs *Greene* to ask the Premier—With respect to the Government's proposal to purchase the James Boag Brewery site in Launceston:—

- (1) On Thursday, 13 August 2026, the Premier told the House that the Coordinator-General was meeting with Lion that day. Did that meeting occur?
 - (a) if so, what was discussed and what outcomes were agreed?
- (2) Has the Government made a formal or indicative offer to purchase the site, or received an asking price from Lion or Kirin?
- (3) Has an independent valuation been commissioned and, if so, has it been completed?
- (4) Has a purchase price or price range been discussed between the parties?
- (5) When does the Government expect to make a final decision on whether it will purchase the site? (18 August 2026)

48 Mrs *Greene* to ask the Premier—With respect to the \$1 million grant being returned to the Tasmanian Government by Lion:—

- (1) Has the full \$1 million now been repaid to the Government?
- (2) On 13 August 2026, the Premier told the House that \$440,000 had been allocated, including \$200,000 to Business Events Tasmania and \$240,000 towards Beer Tasmania and related initiatives. What is the full breakdown of that \$240,000?
 - (a) how much has been allocated specifically to:—
 - (i) Beer Tasmania;
 - (ii) the Northern Beer Weekend;
 - (iii) the proposed beer trail; and
 - (iv) any other initiatives?
 - (b) what outcomes and performance measures apply to each allocation?
- (3) What is the Government's plan for the remaining \$560,000, and when will a decision be made on how it is spent? (18 August 2026)

49 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs—With respect to workplace protection orders:—

- (1) Please provide an update on progress of workplace protection orders.
- (2) Does the Minister expect to introduce a Workplace Protection Orders Bill to Parliament, and if so, when? (18 August 2026)

50 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to the Sorell Rivulet Bridge, noting the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments’ announced funding in 2025:—

- (1) Please provide an update on the progress of replacing the Sorell Rivulet Bridge.
- (2) What quantum of funding in dollar terms is the Tasmanian Government contributing to the project?
- (3) When is consultation scheduled to commence?
- (4) When is removal and replacement work scheduled to commence?
- (5) When is the project expected to be finished? (18 August 2026)

51 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs—With respect to the Retail Leases Act 2022:—

- (1) Please provide an update on the progress of the Retail Leases Act 2022, specifically:—
 - (a) what specific issues with the Retail Leases Act 2022 (the Act) were identified following its passage that resulted in the decision not to proclaim its substantive provisions?
 - (b) which of those issues have since been resolved, and which remain outstanding?
 - (c) what amendments to the Act are being considered or have been recommended to the Government?
 - (d) is an amendment bill being prepared and, if so, when does the Minister expect it to be introduced?
 - (e) what regulations remain to be drafted or finalised before the Act can commence?
 - (f) is there a target date for proclamation and substantive commencement of the Act?
 - (g) in relation to Part 11, what is the intended function of the “prescribed body” or “prescribed person” to whom unresolved disputes may be referred?
 - (h) has a body or a person been identified or shortlisted for the role of the “prescribed body” or “prescribed person”?
 - (i) is referral to a “prescribed body” or a “prescribed person” intended to provide parties with a binding adjudication of their dispute, or is a different function contemplated?
 - (i) if so, what other function is contemplated?
 - (j) was the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) amongst the stakeholders consulted during the review process?
 - (k) is TASCAT being considered for a role in retail tenancy dispute resolution?
 - (l) what further consultation is planned before amendments, regulation and commencement are finalised?
- (2) The Act received Royal Assent in 2022. It is now 2026 and businesses experiencing retail tenancy disputes are bearing the cost of remaining subject to the existing framework. Therefore:—
 - (a) what assistance, low-cost adjudicative pathway or other mechanism is available to small retail businesses that have exhausted negotiation and require a binding determination of their rights and obligations, without incurring the costs associated with conventional commercial litigation?
 - (b) if no such assistance or mechanisms are available, will the Government consider what support could be provided to businesses caught in this position while the Act remains in limbo? (18 August 2026)

52 Ms *Burnet* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to investigations commenced by the Department of Health under Employment Direction 5—For each of the financial years since Employment Direction 5 was revised in August 2024, compared against the two preceding financial years (2022-2023 and 2023-2024):—

- (1) How many investigations commenced?
- (2) What was the average and median duration of those investigations?
- (3) What was the cost of independent investigators appointed to conduct those investigations?
- (4) How many investigations:—
 - (a) were resolved with no adverse finding?
 - (b) resulted in management action?
 - (c) resulted in disciplinary action?
 - (d) resulted in termination?
 - (e) were referred to:—
 - (i) the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA);
 - (ii) the Health Complaints Commissioner;
 - (iii) the Integrity Commission; or
 - (iv) Tasmania Police? (18 August 2026)

54 Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to the Government’s March 2024 commitment to recruit two community paramedics for King Island:—

- (1) Have either of the two promised King Island community paramedics been appointed?
 - (a) if not, why have the positions still not been filled more than two years after the commitment was made?
- (2) On 24 September 2025, the Government advised the Legislative Council that the King Island community paramedic model was still subject to stakeholder consultation. Has that consultation now concluded?
- (3) When will recruitment for each of the two promised positions be completed?
- (4) When will both community paramedics be permanently based on King Island? (19 August 2026)

55 Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to the Government’s \$5 million commitment to build a new King Island Ambulance Station:—

- (1) The Government announced the preferred site in April 2025, completed detailed design and lodged the Development Application in September 2025. Why was the construction tender not released until July 2026?
- (2) The construction tender closed on 19 August 2026. When does the Government expect to award the contract?
- (3) When will construction commence?
- (4) What is the current expected completion and operational date?
- (5) Is the original \$5 million allocation sufficient to complete the station, and if not, what is the current estimated project cost? (19 August 2026)

56 Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to diagnostic services:—

- (1) What clinical waiting-time targets apply to urgent:—
 - (a) biopsy and pathology results;
 - (b) diagnostic mammograms;
 - (c) positron emission tomography (PET) scans;
 - (d) angiograms; and
 - (e) echocardiograms?
- (2) For each service, what proportion of patients were seen or received results within the relevant target in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years?
- (3) What are the current median and longest waiting times for each service, statewide and in the north and north west?
- (4) How many patients, and at what cost to taxpayers, have been sent to private or interstate providers because the public system could not provide these services within clinically recommended timeframes?
- (5) What action has the Government taken since these delays were raised in the House on 13 August 2026? (19 August 2026)

- 57** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to the Auditor-General’s findings concerning procurement within the Department of Health:—
- (1) Which recommendations have been accepted by the Government?
 - (2) What action has been taken against each recommendation to date?
 - (3) Which recommendations remain outstanding, and when will they be completed?
 - (4) How many instances of procurement non-compliance have been identified within the Department since 1 July 2024?
 - (5) What additional oversight or controls have been introduced to prevent further non-compliance? (19 August 2026)
- 58** Dr Woodruff to ask the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources—With respect to a meeting held with Elphinstone Engineering and Midway Tasmania regarding native forestry on 14 April 2026:—
- (1) Please provide:—
 - (a) a complete list of all persons present at the meeting on 14 April 2026;
 - (b) any documents, proposals or submissions provided to the Minister at or in connection with the meeting;
 - (c) an overview of the discussion of the meeting, including whether the meeting concerned the commercial practices, contracts, or pricing arrangements of Sustainable Timber Tasmania; and
 - (d) details on the criteria the Minister’s office applies in composing the subject-matter descriptor and attendees recorded and published in a ministerial diary disclosure. (19 August 2026)
- 59** Mr Garland to ask the Premier—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Premier and their office, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—
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- 60** Mr Garland to ask the Treasurer—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Treasurer and their office, and the Department of Treasury and Finance, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—
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61 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Energy and Renewables and their office, TasNetworks, Hydro Tasmania, and the Building Tasmania division of Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania and Resources or its historical equivalent, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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62 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Housing and Planning and their office, and the Tasmanian Planning Commission, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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63 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Local Government—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Local Government and their office, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the

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64 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change and their office, the Environment Protection Authority, and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania relating to relevant costs associated within the Environment and Climate Change portfolio, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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66 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and their office, and the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania relating to relevant costs associated within the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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68 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Attorney-General and their office, the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation and their office, the Solicitor-General and their office, the Department of Justice, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Office of Local Government, and the Supreme Court of Tasmania, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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- (m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

71 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and their office, and Building Tasmania relating to relevant costs associated with the Infrastructure and Transport portfolio, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

- (a) funding of projects;
- (b) preparation and publication of reports;
- (c) intra-agency communication regarding the projects;
- (d) communication with project proponents;
- (e) public announcements;
- (f) communication with members of the public;
- (g) communication to stakeholders;
- (h) funding of initiatives to assist the projects;
- (i) media and associated costs;
- (j) travel costs to Robbins Island from mainland Tasmania;
- (k) site monitoring;
- (l) responses to right to information requests; and
- (m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

72 Ms *Haadad* to ask the Attorney-General— With respect to the indication provided by the Attorney General and Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation during Question Time on 20 August 2026, that the decision to abolish the Department of Justice specialist Wellbeing Support Unit (the Unit) was made as a result of an internal departmental review:—

- (1) Please table:—
 - (a) the review into the specialist Unit that he referred to in the House as the justification for the decision to abolish the Unit; and
 - (b) any risk assessment conducted to justify abolishing the Unit and any risk assessment conducted regarding the impact of the disbandment on staff who utilised the services of the Unit.
- (2) Please outline what alternative supports and services will be provided and how.
- (3) Please advise:—
 - (a) what savings are expected to be delivered as a result of the decision to disband the Unit; and
 - (b) how many employees accessed services and supports provided by the Unit in the 2025-2026 financial year. (1 September 2026)

73 Ms *Dow* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the additional workforce required for Marinus Link and associated transmission projects in north west Tasmania:—

- (1) How many non-local workers are expected to require accommodation in the north west, and when is demand expected to peak?
- (2) What assessment and/or modelling has been undertaken of the impact on housing and rental availability?
- (3) How many additional dwellings are estimated to be required?
- (4) What additional housing or dedicated worker accommodation is planned, including:—
 - (a) location;
 - (b) number of dwellings or beds; and
 - (c) expected completion date?
- (5) How many residential dwellings are currently:—
 - (a) approved but not commenced; and
 - (b) under construction in:—
 - (i) Burnie;

- (ii) the Central Coast;
- (iii) Devonport;
- (iv) Latrobe; and
- (v) Waratah-Wynyard? (3 September 2026)

74 Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the Government's commitments to reduce red tape and accelerate housing delivery:—

- (1) What progress has been made on the commitment to introduce targeted exemptions to encourage more homes above shops and commercial premises?
- (2) Have any homes been approved or enabled through this initiative and, if so:—
 - (a) how many;
 - (b) where; and
 - (c) how many are in north west Tasmania?
- (3) What progress has been made on the Government's commitments to:—
 - (a) introduce deemed approvals where councils fail to meet statutory timeframes;
 - (b) limit Requests for Information;
 - (c) fast-track rezonings in nominated growth areas; and
 - (d) accelerate Regional Land Use Strategies?
- (4) What assessment has been undertaken of how these reforms could increase housing supply in Burnie, the Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe and Waratah-Wynyard?
- (5) How many additional dwellings does the Government estimate could be enabled in north west Tasmania through these reforms, and over what timeframe?
- (6) Given the additional workforce expected for Marinus Link and associated transmission projects, what further red tape reduction measures are being considered to accelerate housing delivery in north west Tasmania? (3 September 2026)

75 Mr Mitchell to ask the Minister for Local Government—With respect to non-rateable land in the Tasman municipality, noting that approximately 35.8 per cent of the Tasman municipality is non-rateable land, including extensive areas of national park and Crown land, and that Tasman Council nevertheless provides and maintains roads, waste services, public amenities and other municipal infrastructure used by visitors to State-managed attractions and commercial operations:—

- (1) Does the state derive substantial revenue from activities that occur on its non-rateable properties, and does the cost of supporting them fall on the council?
- (2) Can the Minister confirm that, under current legislation, private businesses operating under certain leases or occupation rights over Crown land may be rateable but commercial and revenue-generating activities operated directly by the state are not required to make an equivalent contribution to the municipality supporting them?
- (3) Does the Government consider it equitable that the state can generate substantial commercial revenue from land within a municipality without rates or a rates-equivalent contribution being paid towards the municipality?
- (4) Will the Government review section 87 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the broader Crown land rating framework to ensure that:—
 - (a) land used for commercial or revenue-generating purposes is appropriately rateable, regardless of whether the activity is operated by the State or a private business; or
 - (b) where council rates cannot be levied, the state makes an equivalent payment in lieu of rates to the relevant council?
- (5) Will the Minister commit to consulting Tasman Council and other rural councils with significant areas of non-rateable Crown land as part of that review? (3 September 2026)

76 Mr Mitchell to ask the Minister for Parks and Heritage—With respect to public toilets and facilities at Stewarts Bay, Roaring Beach, and the Blow Hole:—

- (1) Will the Minister:—
- (a) direct the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service to reinstate the public toilets at Stewarts Bay as soon as possible;
 - (b) confirm the Roaring Beach toilets will remain open;
 - (c) renew the Doo-Lishus lease at the Blow Hole and allow the business to continue operating from its long-standing location; and
 - (d) commit to meaningful consultation with Tasman Council before any further Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service infrastructure, visitor services or commercial activities are removed from the municipality?
- (i) if not, will the Minister explain the public-interest justification for each decision and how they are consistent with the Government's commitments to regional tourism, local employment and improved visitor infrastructure? (3 September 2026)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House*.