

Launceston General Hospital – Pharmacy Technician Contracts

Ms ROSOL question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

I understand from constituents in Bass that a number of pharmacy technician 12-month contracts at Launceston General Hospital will finish at the end of August and not be renewed. This is a cut, despite the need for pharmacy technicians, made worse by a number of the technicians being part way through a 15-month traineeship with the Pharmacy Guild of Australia. Pharmacy technicians will not be able to complete their training, the department's investment in training will be wasted, and the Tasmanian Health Service will lose the important contribution of these people to the pharmacy workforce with all their skill and potential. Minister, can you confirm these positions are being cut and explain why their training is being wasted? Will you reverse this decision and renew the pharmacy technician contracts to enable the completion of their traineeships, and to ensure their training will not be wasted, but help build the health sector?