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The Hon Rosemary Armitage MLC
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Dear Ms Armitage

Legislative Council Budget Estimates – TasTAFE Questions On Notice

I refer to your letter of 19 November 2025 seeking additional information following my appearance before Budget estimates Committee B.

Please find below the additional information requested:

1. What are the student numbers of and completion rates across, the current 'in demand' courses covered by the Fee-Free TAFE funding scheme? (MG)

Comments:

- The courses covered by the Fee-Free TAFE funding scheme in Tasmania have been selected on the basis that they are necessary job requirements and are aligned to areas of priority skills need.
- The data provided is for courses on the 2025 FFT Agreement for TasTAFE. The enrolment and completion data is for 2023 through to 2025, noting that 2025 year data is not full year and completions are continuing.
- The data set is available at Attachment 1.

2. What is the process for exposure sites to the kinetic sand to communicate with TasTAFE students, is this done directly or via TasTAFE? (LE)

If TasTAFE had a learner undertaking placement at a school exposed to the recall of kinetic sand, the school would have informed the learner directly and advised TasTAFE. TasTAFE would have followed up with the learner to ensure that support was in place. TasTAFE has no learners studying school-based education support, work placements completed on 25 September 2025.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felix Ellis', is positioned above the printed name.

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training

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