

# CONSTITUENT QUESTION

## House of Assembly

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Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

### QUESTION:


My question is from residents of Scottsdale who report that the GP service in Scottsdale no longer has any permanent GPs and is running on locums. There's a lot of concern in the community about that. They've seen what's been done in other areas of the State where there are no GPs available and the way the State Government has offered support there. Their question is, what will you do in Scottsdale to help them to have a GP who they can develop a long-term relationship with and get better care from?

### ANSWER:

- General practice services in Scottsdale are provided and managed by Ochre Health.
- I am advised that Ochre Health are actively recruiting for a permanent GP for their Scottsdale practice, with the aim of appointing a suitable practitioner as soon as possible.
- More broadly, the Australian Government is responsible for primary care, including general practice. Despite this, the Tasmanian Government has stepped in and invested over \$50 million into primary care initiatives since 2022, including the Rural General Practice Settlement Incentive Program, which supports the attraction and retention of general practitioners in Tasmania.

- We remain committed to delivering our election commitments, which includes \$16 million to increase bulk billing appointments across the State, but our ongoing focus will be on State responsibilities.

*Bridget Archer*

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