

Healthcare Availability in Tasmania

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for HEALTH

A constituent of mine from Boomer Bay, who has also written to you, has been required to travel interstate for her seven-year-old son to access the healthcare he needs. He was diagnosed with ADHD in June last year but cannot get an appointment with a paediatrician, public or private, to prescribe the medication he needs. She says, 'My son's schooling is suffering, his home life is suffering, and as a family we are left without options.' Even worse, though, they now have an appointment in Melbourne at the end of April. They will face the challenge of filling a prescription in Tasmania that has been issued interstate.

Why should Tasmanian children have to travel to Melbourne to get the help they need? What support will your government provide this family who have had to pay massive travel costs? When will the legislation you promised last year to resolve the interstate prescriptions issue actually be introduced?