

CONSTITUENCY QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Simon Wood MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Jacquie Petrusma MP
Minister for Health

QUESTION:

Minister, I've had been contacted by a constituent in Launceston asking when more defibrillators will be made available under our Community Defibrillator Fund?

I know that applications under the last round have closed so can you please provide an update when we can expect an announcement of successful recipients?

ANSWER:

I am pleased to advise the successful applicants under the Tasmanian Government's Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Community Fund will be advised in mid-May 2025. Further, the second round of applications will open shortly thereafter in June 2025.

When someone has a cardiac arrest, their chance of survival declines by almost 10 per cent with each passing minute, and having access to an AED can mean the difference between life and death.

This round will deliver another 90 AEDs across the State, recognising that early access to an AED during a cardiac arrest can save lives. It will add to the 360 we have already delivered to Tasmanian communities since 2014.



Hon Jacquie Petrusma MP
Minister for Health

Date:

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