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Ms Helen Burnet MP
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Dear Ms Burnet

In Parliament on 12 November 2025, you asked the following constituent question:

My question is on behalf of constituents involved in multiple driver mentor training programs. These programs are vital for our community, often disadvantaged, older, those driving without a licence, or migrant community members who need their licences because family members rely on them. They ask: 'Why are we being asked to provide information on our programs by the RACT, who are also setting up a driver training program in schools and colleges? Where is our program certainty?'

In 2024, the Tasmanian Government committed \$8 million to partner with the RACT to deliver the Driving for Life program. This includes a comprehensive driver education program for students in Years 9–12. From this funding, \$2 million is allocated for a dedicated program supporting disadvantaged young people to obtain their licence in collaboration with community organisations.

As part of its commitment, the RACT is undertaking a Social Return on Investment evaluation of broader existing licensing assistance programs, including the Learner Driver Mentor Program. This evaluation aims to better understand the economic and social value generated by these programs, identify opportunities for improvement, and strengthen the evidence base for future investment decisions.

The RACT sought the Department of State Growth's assistance to connect with LDMP providers. In response, State Growth wrote to all 16 LDMP providers and to Driver Mentoring Tasmania which coordinates the LDMP, to inform them of the evaluation and encourage voluntary participation in surveys, interviews, and data provision.

State Growth advised providers participation is voluntary, but strongly encouraged, as the SROI offers an opportunity to highlight the LDMP's collective achievements and contribution to the Tasmanian community. Providers were informed sharing their experience and program data would help demonstrate the real impact of their work and support long-term program sustainability.

The SROI represents an opportunity for LDMPs to showcase positive outcomes, success stories, and community benefits, helping strengthen the case for ongoing government and stakeholder investment.

Thank you for your question and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Vincent".

**Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport**