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Jess Greene MP
Member for Bass
via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Greene

Thank you for your question raised in Parliament on 17 June 2026 on behalf of your constituent Brian in relation to the \$130 million redevelopment of UTAS Stadium.

As you may be aware, this redevelopment will transform UTAS Stadium into a world-class venue ahead of the Tasmania Football Club's (the Devils) entry into the AFL and AFLW competitions in 2028. It will ensure the venue continues to host high-quality events, inspire the next generation of sporting talent, and reinforce Tasmania's reputation as a premier destination for major events and sporting excellence.

I am pleased to advise the project is currently on time and within budget. My understanding is that key milestones are being met, and there has been no change to the project scope, budget, or delivery timetable. I am also advised there are currently no known risks to the delivery of the project.

Naturally, the redevelopment has had some impact on venue capacity. This has resulted in reduced attendance numbers at some recent Hawthorn matches, with the first two games capped at approximately 10,500 patrons. It is my understanding capacity for the next match (Hawthorn versus Melbourne) will increase to around 11,500. From 2027, capacity is expected to increase to approximately 17,000.

I am assured by Stadiums Tasmania that it is working closely with the AFL and other venue hirers, including event promoters and construction contractors, to address any challenges arising from the redevelopment works. This collaborative approach is ensuring the best possible outcomes for all stakeholders.

Despite the construction activity, Stadiums Tasmania advises the venue has been well prepared to host recent events, including AFL matches and the Foo Fighters concert. As major works progress, patrons will notice some changes to how they access and use the venue. Stadiums Tasmania continues to work with user groups to minimise disruption and provide suitable alternatives where possible.

Importantly, Stadiums Tasmania remains committed to ensuring both community and elite-level sporting activities continue to be delivered at the venue throughout the redevelopment period.

The project is being delivered by Fairbrother and is currently around 50 per cent complete. Pleasingly it remains on track for completion by November 2027.

Once again thank you for raising this important redevelopment and I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Sport