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NOTICES OF QUESTION

No. 19

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39 Ms *Burnet* to ask the Minister for Sport:—

(1) With reference to the disparities in state sports funding where Australian Rules Football reportedly receives approximately $540 per participant, basketball receives $138, and soccer receives just $19, and noting that AFL projects receive over half of the state's sports infrastructure funding, please provide a comprehensive, itemised breakdown of all sports infrastructure funding and grant allocations across the forward estimates (2026-27 to 2029-30), specifically detailing:—

(a) the exact dollar amount and percentage of total funding allocated specifically to:—

(i) dedicated men's sports infrastructure and programs;

(ii) dedicated women's sports infrastructure and programs; and

(iii) co-educational or gender-neutral community facilities.

(b) the specific funding proportions allocated to elite, high-performance, and stadium-focused streams versus distributed, direct-upgrade grants for grassroots community clubs and junior associations;

(c) a transparent breakdown of the funding pipeline by sporting code and by local government region over the forward estimates; and

(d) what specific structural mechanisms or equity frameworks the Department using to ensure that sports highly accessible to diverse demographics including women, girls, youth, and migrant communities are not financially marginalised in favour of historically dominant codes. (17 June 2026)

47 Mrs *Greene* to ask the Premier—With respect to the Government's proposal to purchase the James Boag Brewery site in Launceston:—

(1) On Thursday, 13 August 2026, the Premier told the House that the Coordinator-General was meeting with Lion that day. Did that meeting occur?

(a) if so, what was discussed and what outcomes were agreed?

(2) Has the Government made a formal or indicative offer to purchase the site, or received an asking price from Lion or Kirin?

(3) Has an independent valuation been commissioned and, if so, has it been completed?

(4) Has a purchase price or price range been discussed between the parties?

(5) When does the Government expect to make a final decision on whether it will purchase the site? (18 August 2026)

48 Mrs *Greene* to ask the Premier—With respect to the $1 million grant being returned to the Tasmanian Government by Lion:—

(1) Has the full $1 million now been repaid to the Government?

(2) On 13 August 2026, the Premier told the House that $440,000 had been allocated, including $200,000 to Business Events Tasmania and $240,000 towards Beer Tasmania and related initiatives. What is the full breakdown of that $240,000?

(a) how much has been allocated specifically to:—
(i) Beer Tasmania;
(ii) the Northern Beer Weekend;
(iii) the proposed beer trail; and
(iv) any other initiatives?
(b) what outcomes and performance measures apply to each allocation?

(3) What is the Government's plan for the remaining $560,000, and when will a decision be made on how it is spent? (18 August 2026)

50 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to the Sorell Rivulet Bridge, noting the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments' announced funding in 2025:—

(1) Please provide an update on the progress of replacing the Sorell Rivulet Bridge.

(2) What quantum of funding in dollar terms is the Tasmanian Government contributing to the project?

(3) When is consultation scheduled to commence?

(4) When is removal and replacement work scheduled to commence?

(5) When is the project expected to be finished? (18 August 2026)

56 Ms *Dow* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to diagnostic services:—

(1) What clinical waiting-time targets apply to urgent:—
(a) biopsy and pathology results;
(b) diagnostic mammograms;
(c) positron emission tomography (PET) scans;
(d) angiograms; and
(e) echocardiograms?

(2) For each service, what proportion of patients were seen or received results within the relevant target in the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years?

(3) What are the current median and longest waiting times for each service, statewide and in the north and north west?

(4) How many patients, and at what cost to taxpayers, have been sent to private or interstate providers because the public system could not provide these services within clinically recommended timeframes?

(5) What action has the Government taken since these delays were raised in the House on 13 August 2026? (19 August 2026)

58 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources—With respect to a meeting held with Elphinstone Engineering and Midway Tasmania regarding native forestry on 14 April 2026:—

(1) Please provide:—
(a) a complete list of all persons present at the meeting on 14 April 2026;
(b) any documents, proposals or submissions provided to the Minister at or in connection with the meeting;
(c) an overview of the discussion of the meeting, including whether the meeting concerned the commercial practices, contracts, or pricing arrangements of Sustainable Timber Tasmania; and
(d) details on the criteria the Minister's office applies in composing the subject-matter descriptor and attendees recorded and published in a ministerial diary disclosure. (19 August 2026)

59 Mr *Garland* to ask the Premier—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Premier and their office, and the Department of Premier and Cabinet, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

(a) funding of projects;
(b) preparation and publication of reports;
(c) intra-agency communication regarding the projects;
(d) communication with project proponents;
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(f) communication with members of the public;
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(h) funding of initiatives to assist the projects;
(i) media and associated costs;
(j) travel costs to Robbins Island from mainland Tasmania;
(k) site monitoring;
(l) responses to right to information requests; and
(m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

60 Mr *Garland* to ask the Treasurer—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Treasurer and their office, and the Department of Treasury and Finance, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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61 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Energy and Renewables—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Energy and Renewables and their office, TasNetworks, Hydro Tasmania, and the Building Tasmania division of Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania and Resources or its historical equivalent, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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62 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Housing and Planning and their office, and the Tasmanian Planning Commission, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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63 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Local Government—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Local Government and their office, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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(m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

68 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Attorney-General and their office, the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation and their office, the Solicitor-General and their office, the Department of Justice, the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, the Office of Local Government, and the Supreme Court of Tasmania, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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69 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Skills and Jobs—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Skills and Jobs and their office, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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(m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

71 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to the Robbins Island wind farm proposal and associated projects—Since 2016, what is the total amount of public money that has been spent to date by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and their office, and Building Tasmania relating to relevant costs associated with the Infrastructure and Transport portfolio, either directly, indirectly, or in association with, the proposed Robbins Island Wind Farm project; the Robbins Passage causeway; and the Robbins Island to Staverton (now Hampshire) High Voltage Overhead

Transmission Line, during the planning, consultation, engagement, and approvals phase towards progress of the aforementioned projects, including but not limited to the:—

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(m) planning and research for the projects? (20 August 2026)

73 Ms *Dow* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the additional workforce required for Marinus Link and associated transmission projects in north west Tasmania:—

(1) How many non-local workers are expected to require accommodation in the north west, and when is demand expected to peak?
(2) What assessment and/or modelling has been undertaken of the impact on housing and rental availability?
(3) How many additional dwellings are estimated to be required?
(4) What additional housing or dedicated worker accommodation is planned, including:—
(a) location;
(b) number of dwellings or beds; and
(c) expected completion date?
(5) How many residential dwellings are currently:—
(a) approved but not commenced; and
(b) under construction in:—
(i) Burnie;
(ii) the Central Coast;
(iii) Devonport;
(iv) Latrobe; and
(v) Waratah-Wynyard? (3 September 2026)

74 Ms *Dow* to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—With respect to the Government's commitments to reduce red tape and accelerate housing delivery:—

(1) What progress has been made on the commitment to introduce targeted exemptions to encourage more homes above shops and commercial premises?
(2) Have any homes been approved or enabled through this initiative and, if so:—
(a) how many;
(b) where; and
(c) how many are in north west Tasmania?
(3) What progress has been made on the Government's commitments to:—
(a) introduce deemed approvals where councils fail to meet statutory timeframes;
(b) limit Requests for Information;
(c) fast-track rezonings in nominated growth areas; and
(d) accelerate Regional Land Use Strategies?
(4) What assessment has been undertaken of how these reforms could increase housing supply in Burnie, the Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe and Waratah-Wynyard?
(5) How many additional dwellings does the Government estimate could be enabled in north west Tasmania through these reforms, and over what timeframe?

(6) Given the additional workforce expected for Marinus Link and associated transmission projects, what further red tape reduction measures are being considered to accelerate housing delivery in north west Tasmania? (3 September 2026)

75 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Local Government—With respect to non-rateable land in the Tasman municipality, noting that approximately 35.8 per cent of the Tasman municipality is non-rateable land, including extensive areas of national park and Crown land, and that Tasman Council nevertheless provides and maintains roads, waste services, public amenities and other municipal infrastructure used by visitors to State-managed attractions and commercial operations:—

(1) Does the state derive substantial revenue from activities that occur on its non-rateable properties, and does the cost of supporting them fall on the council?

(2) Can the Minister confirm that, under current legislation, private businesses operating under certain leases or occupation rights over Crown land may be rateable but commercial and revenue-generating activities operated directly by the state are not required to make an equivalent contribution to the municipality supporting them?

(3) Does the Government consider it equitable that the state can generate substantial commercial revenue from land within a municipality without rates or a rates-equivalent contribution being paid towards the municipality?

(4) Will the Government review section 87 of the Local Government Act 1993 and the broader Crown land rating framework to ensure that:—

(a) land used for commercial or revenue-generating purposes is appropriately rateable, regardless of whether the activity is operated by the State or a private business; or

(b) where council rates cannot be levied, the state makes an equivalent payment in lieu of rates to the relevant council?

(5) Will the Minister commit to consulting Tasman Council and other rural councils with significant areas of non-rateable Crown land as part of that review? (3 September 2026)

76 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Parks and Heritage—With respect to public toilets and facilities at Stewarts Bay, Roaring Beach, and the Blow Hole:—

(1) Will the Minister:—

(a) direct the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service to reinstate the public toilets at Stewarts Bay as soon as possible;

(b) confirm the Roaring Beach toilets will remain open;

(c) renew the Doo-Lishus lease at the Blow Hole and allow the business to continue operating from its long-standing location; and

(d) commit to meaningful consultation with Tasman Council before any further Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service infrastructure, visitor services or commercial activities are removed from the municipality?

(i) if not, will the Minister explain the public-interest justification for each decision and how they are consistent with the Government's commitments to regional tourism, local employment and improved visitor infrastructure? (3 September 2026)

77 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Skills and Jobs—With respect to TasTAFE's Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP):—

(2) Is it the case that TasTAFE has advised the Minister that it is reconsidering participation in delivery of the AMEP due to costs exceeding revenue?

(3) Noting that in the 2022-2023 financial year, TasTAFE's AMEP revenue was $3,117,321 and expenditure $2,993,982, while in the 2023-2024 financial year, TasTAFE's AMEP revenue was $2,943,220 and expenditure $3,703,288, why did TasTAFE's cost to deliver the AMEP increase by $709,306 between 2022-2023 and 2023-2024?

(a) Please provide a detailed breakdown of these cost increases.

(4) Noting that in an Issues Briefing Note supplied to the Minister on 4 March 2026, it was stated "there is insufficient information available to identify the reasons why program costs have exceeded available funding in recent years", is it the case that, six months later, there is still "insufficient information" to explain the cost increases?

(5) With respect to evidence provided during an Estimates Committee hearing on 4 June 2026, where Dr Baker and Mr McShane said industrial arrangements relating to the transition of TasTAFE out of the public service explained the cost increase:—

(a) what were the industrial arrangements arising from TasTAFE's transition from the public service, specifically in regard to delivery of the AMEP?

(b) do these arrangements explain the cost variance and, if so, how?

(c) as of 7 September 2026:—

(i) what are the current revenue and expenditure figures relating to TasTAFE's delivery of the AMEP?

(ii) does TasTAFE intend to tender to deliver the AMEP beyond 2026? (8 September 2026)

78 Mrs *Greene* to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to the Government's June 2025 election commitment to provide $1 million for a 12-month SkyBus trial between Launceston Airport and Launceston, subsequently funded in the 2026-2027 Budget:—

(1) What is the current status of the proposed service?

(2) What route, stops, frequency and operating hours are proposed?

(3) Who will operate the service and when will it commence?

(4) Of the $1 million committed:—

(a) how much has been allocated or expended;

(b) has a funding agreement or contract been executed; and

(c) when will funding commence?

(5) What consultation has occurred with Launceston Airport, the City of Launceston, Tourism Northern Tasmania and local tourism and hospitality operators?

(6) How will the service support tourism visitation, including access to Launceston's hospitality precincts and the Government's proposed Northern Beer Trail?

(7) Will the service be operational for the 2026-2027 peak summer tourism season? (9 September 2026)

80 Mr *Mitchell* to ask the Minister for Parks and Heritage—With respect to the Land Titles Act 1980—Will the Minister:—

(a) confirm that under section 63 of the Land Titles Act 1980, a Joint Tenancy can be severed by a Joint Tenant, and the title converted to a Tenancy in Common, without the:—

(i) consent; or

(ii) knowledge

of other Joint Tenants on the title?

(b) advise the House whether any other states and territories of the Commonwealth allow for the unilateral severance of a Joint Tenancy without the knowledge or consent of other Joint Tenants on the title?

(c) explain to the House the ownership and occupancy impact of someone who had been a Joint Tenant, finding themselves now a Tenant in Common?

(d) advise the House what purpose section 63 of the Land Titles Act 1980 is intended to serve?

(e) inform the House whether he is satisfied with the continuing inclusion of section 63 in the Land Titles Act 1980, and whether he has any plans to review it? (10 September 2026)

81 Dr *Woodruff* to ask the Minister for Business, Industry and Resources—With respect to the Visiting Architects Program:—How much government funding has been allocated to the Visiting Architects Program, broken down by year, since the program started?

82 Ms *Rosol* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to graduate nurse positions:—

(1) How many graduate nurse positions were there in 2026, broken down by region?

(2) How many graduate nurse positions have been offered for 2027, broken down by region?

(3) In a statement to the House, the Minister advised there were 983 applicants for graduate nurse positions for 2027. How many of these applicants (raw number) were from:—

(a) Tasmania;

(b) Victoria;

(c) New South Wales;

(d) Queensland;

(e) South Australia

(f) Western Australia;

(g) the Australian Capital Territory;

(h) the Northern Territory; and

(i) an international jurisdiction?

(4) Of the successful applicants for 2027 graduate nurse positions, how many (raw number) were from:—

(a) Tasmania;

(b) Victoria;

(c) New South Wales;

(d) Queensland;

(e) South Australia;

(f) Western Australia;

(g) the Australian Capital Territory;

(h) the Northern Territory; and

(i) an international jurisdiction?

(5) What commitments or undertakings were given to Tasmanian nursing students about the offer of a graduate position for 2027? (19 November 2026)

LAURA ROSS, *Clerk of the House.*