

Driver Mentoring Tasmania - Long-Term-Funding

Ms BURNET question to MINISTER for TRANSPORT

I ask this question on behalf of Gary and Tanya at Driver Mentoring Tasmania, the peak body for driver mentoring training programs based in Derwent Park. The driver mentor programs through volunteer driver mentoring assist people to gain lifechanging independent transport access. They are for people on low incomes in regional communities and connected to neighbourhood houses so that so that they can get to jobs, appointments and social activities.

They also serve the growing populations of migrant workers who do not have a licence. Currently, programs have to reapply for funding every 12 months. This uncertainty makes it very difficult to maintain their staff and volunteer network. Will the government commit to longer term funding for these programs so that these communities retain access to affordable driver mentoring?