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Mr Josh Willie MP  
Labor Member for Clark  
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Dear Mr Willie

Thank you for the constituency question you asked in Parliament on 20 June 2024 regarding the 2024-25 State Budget Community Consultation Process as follows:

*"Your coalition partners, the Jacqui Lambie Network, have powers afforded to them that no one else in this place has. One of the most significant is their ability to put forward Budget bids. Several of my constituents are very interested to understand what they have put forward. Can you outline how many bids they have made and what the total value of those bids are, and will you commit to releasing them publicly?"*

As you are aware, each year, the Tasmanian Government consults with the community in the lead up to the development of the State Budget.

Community groups and individuals were invited to make submissions in respect of the 2024-25 State Budget, which commenced on 26 August 2023, with submissions due to be submitted to the Department of Treasury and Finance by 30 November 2023.

In relation to the publication of Community Consultation submissions, the Department of Treasury and Finance, which coordinates the Community Consultation process, does not publish submissions. Stakeholders that make submissions do so with the understanding that the submissions will not be made public. Stakeholders may, however, publish their own submissions.

As part of the Budget development process, agencies are required to consider the Community Consultation submissions in the context of development their Agency Budget submission, which are then considered by Budget Committee.

The 2024-25 State Budget, to be handed down on 12 September 2024, will detail funding provided to community organisations.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP  
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