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Dear Dr Woodruff *Rosalie,*

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 12 June 2024 in Parliament regarding upgrades to the Kingston bus interchange.

Like you, I am eager to see these bus stops commence operation. The Channel Highway stops are much more convenient to passengers and provide greater visibility and safety.

The new Kingston bus interchange has been designed and developed by Kingborough Council with funding administered by the Tasmanian Government through the Hobart City Deal.

The Government, through the Department of State Growth, provided comments throughout the planning and design process, when invited to do so, including through the public consultation periods.

As part of the Council's commissioning of the site, it undertook a range of vehicle testing which identified several issues that need addressing to ensure the facility is safe, accessible and fit-for-purpose prior to commencing operations. The Department has worked with the Council and bus operators to resolve these issues, including obtaining specialist independent advice.

I am advised that the Department has recently received advice on infrastructure remediation needed to make the facility safe and functional for bus operators and customers. The advice will be discussed with bus operators and shared with the Council for its consideration and action.

All bus operators will continue to operate services from the temporary Goshawk Way bus stops until the new Kingston Interchange is ready to open.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz MP
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