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Dear Ms Badger

Thank you for your constituency question of 12 March 2025 on behalf of constituents who work in the TasTAFE's automotive department. I note that this matter was also raised and answered in the House during Question Time on 13 March 2025.

Our Government continues to work with TasTAFE and industry on solutions for automotive training following the closure of the Campbell Street workshop. This is something we need to work through diligently so that we can continue to provide the services for apprentices and learners in the automotive sector in the South.

The immediate focus has been for TasTAFE to work with those learners, teachers, employers and industry affected by the closure of the site to maintain training delivery. I acknowledge this has required significant effort, and flexibility to support an amended delivery model ahead of the 2025 teaching year.

The hybrid delivery model includes a mix of theory, online and practical training, incorporating use of the Department of Education, Children and Young People's Trade Training Centres and opportunities for workplace assessment with some employers. In certain circumstances, learners may need to travel. Travel and accommodation allowances are available, just as they are for learners from the North and North-West who need to travel down to the South.

I will continue to work closely with TasTAFE during this time as we work to find the right outcome for automotive training delivery, now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Skills and Training

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