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Mr Rob Fairs MP  
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Dear Mr Fairs

Thank you for your constituency question asked in the House of Assembly on 4 March 2025 raising the concerns of your Bass constituents regarding street crime in the Launceston Central Business District (CBD).

Our Government is strongly committed to reducing crime in the Launceston CBD and ensuring community safety through proactive action. On 3 February 2025, Taskforce RAVEN was established by Tasmania Police to target recidivist offenders and youth crime in the Northern Police District, including the Launceston CBD.

Taskforce RAVEN comprises one Sergeant, a Detective from the Northern Criminal Investigation Branch, and two members from the Launceston Uniform Division. Since its inception, RAVEN has achieved significant results, including:

- 39 arrests, including 6 youths.
- 14 offenders identified to be summonsed.
- 261 charges laid, with a number related to shoplifting in the Launceston CBD.
- Recovery of almost \$50,000 in stolen property.
- Seizure of 6 illegal firearms and a quantity of ammunition.

These outcomes demonstrate our proactive approach to tackling street crime and ensuring the safety in the Launceston CBD.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP

**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management**

Copy to Ms Laura Ross, Clerk of the House of Assembly

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