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- 27** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport:—
- (1) What is the data on traffic incidents in the Burnie CBD and Bunnings Bass Highway intersection, including the running of red lights?
 - (2) Has the installation of red-light cameras been considered in response to these incidents? (7 May 2026)
- 29** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport—With respect to bus services which pass through Sulphur Creek, is there the opportunity for Kinetic to stop in Sulphur Creek in addition to the current Metro Service to increase public transport options for residents? (21 May 2026)
- 31** Ms Dow to ask the Minister for Housing and Planning—Why was a Homes Tasmania invoice for short-term accommodation for a tenant, provided whilst their Homes Tasmania property was undergoing maintenance, made payable to the Department of Health? (21 May 2026)
- 34** Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to dental care:—
- (1) What are the current median and longest public dental wait times for concession-holding older Tasmanians by region?
 - (2) What additional funding has been allocated to reduce those waits? (16 June 2026)
- 35** Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) funds:—
- (1) Of the additional \$700 million secured by Tasmania over the forward estimates from the Commonwealth Government through the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA), what specific amount will be explicitly allocated to programs or infrastructure designed to address delayed discharges for long-stay, non-acute patients (such as elderly patients awaiting aged care or disability support placements)?
 - (2) Given the State Government's commitment to utilise these funds effectively following the rejection of the Commonwealth's proposal to isolate specific NHRA funding for long-stay patients, what structural or administrative strategies is the Department of Health implementing to reduce bed days lost to delayed discharges?
 - (3) What specific targets, performance indicators, or tracking mechanisms has the Department established to measure the effectiveness of this funding in improving patient flow for elderly and long-stay patients across Tasmania's public hospitals? (16 June 2026)
- 37** Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to medical practitioner shortages:—
- (1) How many Rural Generalists are currently employed within the Tasmanian Health Service (by region, hospital or service, and employment status) and what is the total expenditure?
 - (2) How many Rural Generalists, if any have left employment with the Tasmanian Health Service in the last two years?

- (3) How many Rural Generalist trainees are currently undertaking training in Tasmania?
- (4) Of the Rural Generalists currently working in Tasmania, how many completed training in Tasmania and how many were recruited interstate or internationally?
- (5) How many locum doctors have been employed by the Tasmanian Health Service since January 2023 (by specialty, hospital, average contract duration) and what is the total expenditure including a breakdown by region?
- (6) Has the Department undertaken any cost comparison analyses between employing locum specialists, permanent specialists, and Rural Generalists?
- (7) What steps is the Government taking to improve recruitment and retention of permanent rural GPs and Rural Generalists rather than relying on short-term locum arrangements?
- (8) How many General Practitioners with a Special Interest (GPwSI) are currently employed or contracted by the Tasmanian Health Service?
- (9) In which specialty areas (e.g. dermatology, mental health, ENT) are GPwSIs currently engaged?
- (10) What funding has been allocated to support GPwSI roles in Tasmania in each of the past five years?
- (11) Has the Government undertaken any modelling, or data collection, on how GPwSIs are alleviating specialist outpatient waiting lists? (16 June 2026)

38 Mr *Garland* to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to data provided in response to constituent questions surrounding Heart Health issues presentations to Emergency Departments across Tasmania:—

- (1) Is it the case that for people aged zero to 30 years, there was a 142 per cent increase from 154 presentations in October 2020 to 374 presentations recorded in October 2021?
 - (a) if these figures are not correct, please outline why not, with alternate figures.
- (2) Is it the case that there was a 120 per cent increase for those aged zero to 40 years, from 268 presentations to the Emergency Department in October 2020 to 592 presentations to the Emergency Department in October 2021?
 - (a) if these figures are not correct, please outline why not, with alternate figures.
- (3) Regarding the increases detailed in (1) and (2):—
 - (a) what were the top twenty leading causes of heart health presentations to the Emergency department over that time, for both those aged zero to 30 years and those aged zero to 40 years?
 - (b) were there any known triggers at the time?
 - (c) were there any known triggers in the period after October 2021?
 - (d) if yes to (3)(c), when were these triggers first identified?
 - (e) in emergency department presentations seen from July 2021 onwards, can you outline what environmental factors there were, if any, for young people that may have contributed to this increase?
 - (f) has your office, the Tasmanian Health Department, and/or the Tasmanian Health Service investigated or inquired as to the cause of these increases in heart health presentations at any time between 1 July 2020 and the 30 June 2026? If so:—
 - (i) who coordinated the investigation or inquiry?
 - (ii) on what date did these investigations commence?
 - (iii) on what date did these investigations conclude (if so)?
 - (iv) if investigations are still active, when are they expected to conclude?
 - (v) what has been identified, if anything, as the cause or causes of these increases?
 - (vi) has this information been provided to the public at any point since being reported internally, and if so, where and when was this information published?
 - (vii) what changes or interventions, if any, were made when the issues became known?
 - (viii) what changes or interventions, if any, were made when investigations were complete?
 - (ix) who was responsible for these changes or interventions?
 - (x) did these changes or interventions achieve outcomes, and if so, what?
- (4) Tasmanian population statistics sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), do not show increases at the same rate as emergency department presentations for heart health issues:—
 - (a) can you confirm that estimates from the ABS across that period saw an increase of 8,402 people from 559,427 in September 2020 to 567,829 in September 2021?
 - (b) can you confirm that the numerical increase in (4)(a) shows an approximate increase of 1.5 per cent?

- (c) can you confirm that the ABS population estimates for those aged zero to 30 years in June 2020 was 204,866?
 - (d) can you confirm that the ABS population estimates for Tasmania showed an increase of 2,067 from 204,866 in June 2020 to 206,933 by June 2021 for those aged zero to 30 years?
 - (e) can you confirm that this increase in shown in (4)(d) represented a combined population trend upwards of approximately 1.01 per cent for males and females in that cohort?
 - (f) please explain the significant increase in heart health presentations of 142 per cent for young Tasmanians, when Tasmania's population only increased by 1 per cent over a similar time frame?
- (5) In relation to males and females aged 41 years and older, please provide data that shows Statewide Emergency Department presentations for Heart Health related issues for Tasmanians between October 2020 and October 2021.
- (6) Between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2023, please provide the statewide emergency department presentation data for heart health issues, comparing both male and female presentations, for each month, with a breakdown by age cohort as follows:—
- (a) 0-10 years;
 - (b) 11-20 years;
 - (c) 21-30 years;
 - (d) 31-40 years;
 - (e) 41-50 years;
 - (f) 51-60 years;
 - (g) 61-70 years;
 - (h) 71-80 years;
 - (i) 81-90 years;
 - (j) 91-100 years; and
 - (k) 101 years and above. (17 June 2026)

39 Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Sport:—

- (1) With reference to the disparities in state sports funding where Australian Rules Football reportedly receives approximately \$540 per participant, basketball receives \$138, and soccer receives just \$19, and noting that AFL projects receive over half of the state's sports infrastructure funding, please provide a comprehensive, itemised breakdown of all sports infrastructure funding and grant allocations across the forward estimates (2026-27 to 2029-30), specifically detailing:—
- (a) the exact dollar amount and percentage of total funding allocated specifically to:—
 - (i) dedicated men's sports infrastructure and programs;
 - (ii) dedicated women's sports infrastructure and programs; and
 - (iii) co-educational or gender-neutral community facilities.
 - (b) the specific funding proportions allocated to elite, high-performance, and stadium-focused streams versus distributed, direct-upgrade grants for grassroots community clubs and junior associations;
 - (c) a transparent breakdown of the funding pipeline by sporting code and by local government region over the forward estimates; and
 - (d) what specific structural mechanisms or equity frameworks the Department using to ensure that sports highly accessible to diverse demographics including women, girls, youth, and migrant communities are not financially marginalised in favour of historically dominant codes. (17 June 2026)

40 Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs:—

- (1) With respect to repair orders:—
- (a) in the last financial year how many applications did the Residential Tenancy Commissioner (the Commissioner) receive for repairs?
 - (b) in that time, how many orders did the Commissioner make for repairs to be carried out by the owner?
 - (c) how many of those orders were for properties owned or managed by Homes Tasmania or community housing?
 - (d) in the last financial year what was the average time between the application being received and the making of the order?
 - (e) what was the average time to determine repair applications over the two years preceding the last financial year?

- (2) With respect to unreasonable rent increases:—
 - (a) in the last financial year, how many applications did the Commissioner receive in relation to unreasonable rent increases?
 - (b) in that time, how many orders were made declaring the rent increases to be unreasonable?
 - (c) in the last financial year, what was the average time to determine these applications?
 - (d) by how much did the average time to determine these applications increase over the two years preceding the last financial year?
- (3) With respect to disputed bonds:—
 - (a) in the last financial year, how many disputed bond cases did the Commissioner deal with?
 - (b) what was the average time to resolve those disputed bond cases?
 - (c) what was the average time to determine disputed bond cases over the two years preceding the last financial year?
- (4) With respect to minimum standards:—
 - (a) how many compliance investigations were conducted in relation to minimum standards under section 3B of the Residential Tenancy Act 1997?
 - (b) how many of those compliance investigations resulted in enforcement action being taken against the owner or landlord?
- (5) With respect to the Residential Tenancy Commissioner:—
 - (a) how long has there been an Acting Commissioner?
 - (b) how long until the Government appoints a permanent Commissioner?
 - (c) how many full-time equivalent staff are currently employed to assist the Commissioner with their work?
 - (d) what was the number of staff employed to assist the Commissioner with their work in the two years preceding the last financial year? (11 August 2026)

41 Ms *Badger* to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change—With respect to the Digital Vegetation Map of Tasmania (TASVEG):—

- (1) How is progress on the objectives of the Native Vegetation Monitoring Strategy being tracked?
- (2) What progress has been made on these objectives?
- (3) What resourcing is allocated towards meeting these objectives? (11 August 2026)

42 Ms *Burnet* to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change:—

- (1) What specific progress has been made by the Climate Change Office within the Renewables, Climate and Future Industries Tasmania (ReCFIT) division to finalise and deploy a comprehensive climate change adaptation implementation plan for the state?
- (2) How is the Government actively identifying and addressing structural capacity constraints across departments to ensure the public sector is equipped to execute long-term, coordinated adaptation measures?
- (3) What specific financial allocations, grants, or baseline funding streams have been explicitly provided within the current state budget to local government authorities to assist them in meeting the regulatory and operational challenges of climate change adaptation?
- (4) With reference to the Government's formal 2024 response to the Statewide Climate Change Risk Assessment (the Deloitte Risk Assessment), wherein a commitment was made to monitor progress on adaptation actions through the development of specialised tools and resources:—
 - (a) what specific monitoring and evaluation tools have been developed by the Climate Change Office since 2024?
 - (b) how are these newly developed resources being utilised to track, quantify, and evaluate the effectiveness of climate adaptation initiatives currently being implemented across the state's natural, built, economic, and social domains?
 - (c) will these monitoring tools and evaluation frameworks be made publicly accessible to local government authorities, research institutions, and community stakeholders to ensure transparency in how Tasmania's climate resilience trends are being measured?
- (5) Noting that the independent 2024–25 Review of the Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008 explicitly concluded that there is “limited assessment of how much specific activities contribute to emissions reduction targets or resilience outcomes”, what specific key performance indicators or empirical tracking frameworks are being used by the Climate Change Office to monitor the effectiveness of these specific activities?

- (6) The Deloitte Risk Assessment, in 2024, identified climate change risks and opportunities in Tasmania. It classified opportunities that require urgent adaptation action in the built domain to fully realise the economic benefits of those opportunities. One of those opportunities was for “lower emissions transport systems”. Noting it is already two years down the track, what is the Government doing in the next three years to realise that opportunity? (12 August 2026)

43 Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change—with respect to electric vehicles:—

- (1) According to your Climate Change Action Plan, Action 2.1 refers to establishing a fund to implement priority actions identified in the emissions reduction and resilience plans, with an initial focus on the transport section. Has this fund been established, and if not, when will it be?
 - (2) Action 2.3.9 was to chair an Electric Vehicle Working Group, with the intention to develop a coordinated approach to support the uptake of electric vehicles (EVs) in Tasmania. Why has this group been disbanded?
 - (3) What support is being provided to support small businesses to purchase electric delivery vans or zero or low emissions medium and heavy vehicles?
 - (4) RecFIT were going to model EV uptake to support government decision-making on EV policy issues such as increased electricity requirements. Has this work been done and can it be tabled?
 - (5) In November 2025, the then-Minister for Environment, Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP, told a Budget Estimates Committee that “A report covering the first 12 months of the BEB (Battery Electric Buses) trial is expected in early 2026, to be followed by the HEB (Hydrogen Electric Buses) report in mid-late 2026. The Department of State Growth is currently working with a consultancy to finalise procurement pathways for the transition to ZEBs (Zero Emission Buses)”:
- (a) when will these project reports be released?
 - (b) the Deputy Secretary advised that they are working with Metro Tasmania to develop a bus fleet electrification strategy. When will this strategy be released? (12 August 2026)

44 Ms Burnet to ask the Minister for Environment and Climate Change—with respect to the Climate Capability Framework:—

- (1) The Climate Change Office has produced the Government Climate Capability Framework – this was published on RecFIT’s website in June 2025. The Framework claims there will be increased accountability for decision-making relevant to climate change. What does this look like and how is this visible to the public?
- (2) Can you provide a list of templates used by government agencies, departments or whole of government that have been amended to incorporate climate change considerations into them since this framework was introduced?
- (3) Where and when will the public be able to see reporting on the Government Climate Capability Framework and its implementation? (12 August 2026)

45 Ms Rosol to ask the Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing—With respect to Department of Health reclassification of roles:—

- (1) Which Department of Health Services are planning role reclassifications?
- (2) Across the Department of Health:—
 - (a) which roles have been identified for reclassification?
 - (b) how many positions are being reclassified, broken down into Services and roles? (13 August 2026)

46 Ms Rosol to ask the Minister for Justice, Corrections and Rehabilitation—With respect to children detained in adult prison watch-houses:—

- (1) How many times has the Minister met with the Minister for Children and Youth about children in reception prison watch-houses since 1 July 2025, and what were the dates of these meetings?
- (2) What steps have been taken to identify alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses since the Office of the Custodial Inspector Tasmania’s Children in Tasmania’s prisons Review report 2025?
- (3) What alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses have been identified?

- (4) What steps have been taken to implement identified alternatives to detaining children in reception prison watch-houses?
- (5) What is the full-time equivalent of staff allocated to identifying alternatives to holding children in reception prison watch-houses? (13 August 2026)

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