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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC  
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### **APPROPRIATION BILL (No. 1) 2026**

Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2026, requesting additional information following examination of my portfolio by the Legislative Council Select Budget Estimates Committee 'A'. Please find the requested information below for noting.

#### **DIVISION 10 – DEPARTMENT OF PREMIER AND CABINET Output Group 3 – 3.3 Community Services**

Question 1: In the Older Tasmanians Action Plan, which agency is responsible for each of the actions?

Answer: In response to the question raised in the examination of the Ageing portfolio, please find attached a table which lists actions and lead agency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bridget Archer".

Hon Bridget Archer MP  
**Minister for Ageing**

#### ***Enclosed***

Attachment 1 - Older Tasmanians Action Plan - Actions and Lead Agency

## Attachment 1 - QoN Response - Ageing - Leg Co Committee A

### A Respectful, Age-Friendly Island: Older Tasmanians Action Plan 2025-2029 – Actions and Lead Agency

- From 2 July 2026 the Older Tasmanian portfolio will transition from the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) to the Department of Health (DoH).
- DPAC and DoH will work collaboratively to determine the lead agency responsible for progressing actions currently allocated to DPAC.

No	Action	Lead Agency
1	Develop and deliver an ageism awareness campaign	DPAC
2	Develop an Age Friendly Language Guide.	DPAC
3	Raise community awareness about supporting, respecting and valuing older Tasmanians decisions, and their legal and ethical rights to self-determination.	DoJ / DPAC
4	Raise awareness of planning ahead for decision making in later years and rights and obligations in relation to enduring instruments.	DoJ / DPAC
5	Promote a whole-of-community response in recognising, responding to, and preventing elder abuse.	DPAC
6	Explore new and existing initiatives that focus on younger people raising awareness of abuse, promoting intergenerational value and the harm of stigmatising language and attitudes.	DPAC
7	Increase awareness and develop responses that recognise that older Tasmanians may experience abuse in different ways (including cultural and language differences), and experience additional forms of discrimination, making them more vulnerable.	DPAC
8	Work with intergovernmental partners to review government standards for language in communication materials and policies around elder abuse.	DPAC
9	Strengthen the capability of services and staff that directly interact with older Tasmanians to recognise, respond to, and prevent abuse.	DPAC
10	Development of a Department of Health policy on the abuse of older Tasmanians and deliver clinical education.	DoH
11	Explore further opportunities to support frontline Tasmanian Government staff with awareness and information around referral pathways.	DPAC
12	Engage and educate services and business interfacing with older Tasmanians so they can recognise the underlying drivers of the abuse and respond to and prevent the abuse of older Tasmanians.	DPAC

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13	Strengthen existing and develop new initiatives to safeguard older Tasmanians against abuse.	DoJ / DPAC
14	Promote the improved safeguards to Tasmania's communities with a focus on empowering community members to recognise, respond to and prevent abuse, and to counteract its underlying drivers.	DoJ / DPAC
15	Explore opportunities to strengthen Tasmania's Age Friendly environment.	DPAC
16	Encourage and support intergenerational programs to foster better understanding and relationships between generations.	DPAC
17	Trial a Ticket to Wellbeing program for the health and wellbeing of older Tasmanians.	DSG
18	Expand services to increase social engagement activities for clients of Older Person Mental Health	DoH
19	Improve the digital literacy of older Tasmanians.	DPAC
20	Evaluate the Mature Age Workers Program.	DPAC
21	Explore initiatives that enhance the benefit of a multigenerational workforce and support older employees.	DPAC / SSMO
22	Continue to monitor and respond to Australia's aged care reforms.	DPAC
23	Implement peer workers into Older Person's Mental Health Services, including in community teams.	DoH
24	Continue addressing the challenges of frailty and improve patient outcomes through Tasmania's Frailty Network.	DoH
25	Deliver more accessible dwellings that enable older Tasmanians to age in place.	Homes Tas
26	Help Tasmanians on low incomes with 2000 more No Interest Loans available each year and ongoing funding to the Energy saver Subsidy.	DPAC / DSG
27	Half price bus and ferry fares.	DSG

## **ACRONYMS**

DoH – Department of Health

DoJ – Department of Justice

DPAC – Department of Premier and Cabinet

DSG – Department of State Growth

Homes Tas – Homes Tasmania

SSMO – State Service Management Office