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PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Ms Helen Burnet MP  
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Dear Ms Burnet

On May 27<sup>th</sup> you asked the Premier the following question,

*My question is from my constituent Sarah, who was one of 1000 staff who joined an online meeting on Friday about the impact of the Department of State Growth's winding down of their jobs. They are already being asked to cover absences and backfill roles for which they are underqualified. The Department couldn't even promise that long-serving staff would receive more than two weeks' notice if their jobs were to be cut. Premier, how can workers be expected to continue to deliver services for Tasmanians while facing this level of job insecurity?*

**Response:**

Since the State of the State address on 3 March, the Department of State Growth has been undertaking regular engagement with its staff in relation to proposed machinery of government changes.

This has included a number of whole of department webinar sessions with an opportunity to ask questions, regular email updates from the secretary and the project director, an email portal for staff to raise questions or flag issues associated with the change, together with regularly updated frequently ask questions.

The department has engaged with unions and shared staff communications at material points in the process.

The department will continue to engage with staff and their representatives over coming months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff'.

Jeremy Rockliff MP  
**Premier**