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Dear Ms White

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 23 May 2024 in Parliament, regarding public transport in the Primrose Sands area.

Given Tasmania's highly dispersed settlement pattern, the bus network has been designed to benefit the greatest number of people as efficiently as possible.

The Tasmanian Government has contracted Area Connect to provide regional services to small communities that cannot sustain daily commuter bus services due to low demand. Area Connect services are designed to connect with existing services to enhance the effectiveness of public transport.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, an Area Connect service to Sorell departs Primrose Sands in the morning and travels back in the afternoon. This service is designed to connect with General Access services traveling between Sorell and Hobart. These Area Connect services are also available at half price fares in line with the initiative for public transport.

The Department of State Growth continually monitors areas of growth and will consider service options for changing communities like Primrose Sands as part of future network planning.

Your feedback on growing passenger demand in Primrose Sands has been noted for the Department's regular reviews of the bus networks.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Transport