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Ms Tabatha Badger MP  
Parliament House, Hobart, TAS 7000

Dear Ms Badger

In Parliament on 19 June, you asked the following question on behalf of residents of Longford and the Northern Midlands Council:

*In March 2023, the residents of Longford and the Northern Midlands Council were pledged an independent traffic survey which would specifically address the ongoing safety issues on the corner of Wellington and Marlborough streets in Longford, locally known as 'Sticky Beaks Corner'.*

*Minister, what is the delay for this promised independent traffic survey? People are still being forced to drive alternative routes in order to avoid car accidents at this dangerous intersection. Can you advise on an updated time frame for the commencement of this urgent assessment?*

In response to your question I can advise that the Department of State Growth reviewed the Northern Midlands Council's design for the footpath improvements at the intersection of Marlborough Street and Wellington Street in Longford as part of the Tasmanian Government's Vulnerable Road User Program.

Following implementation of the design, the department inspected the site and accepted the works, and the project was completed.

The Department maintains the view that the onsite arrangements are satisfactory from a traffic safety perspective. However, the Department also agreed that it would engage a consultant to undertake an independent review of the site. The department has engaged a consultant and is expecting the independent review to occur by the end of July 2024.

Yours sincerely

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