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Dear Scott,

Subject: Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works Hearing – Kings Meadows Community Health Centre Redevelopment – Matters taken on Notice

In response to your letter dated 26 May 2025, the Department offers the following responses to questions 1 to 4.

- **Question 1: Provide data on the current and future demand for renal dialysis in the greater Launceston area.**
 - The Department of Health's Renal Dialysis data is recorded in the Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry (ANZDATA). Data collected in this registry reports all cases of Renal Dialysis for the North / North West of the State against the Launceston General Hospital; there is no specific data available for the Launceston area at present.
 - When considering mortality, transplant data, and incidents of new dialysis cases, the most recent 3-year rolling average indicates approximately 5 new dialysis patients are added to the number of patients treated in the North / North West region per year. This Dialysis could be performed at any of the facilities across the North and North West and includes patients on Home Dialysis.
- **Question 2: Provide an updated and detailed project budget including contingencies.**
 - Please refer to Attachment 1.
- **Question 3: Confirm the floor area of the proposed new building and the additional floor area required for the proposed stage 2, 6 additional renal bays.**
 - The Gross Floor Area (GFA) of the Lower ground floor (comms room, storeroom, plant area) is 126 sqm
 - GFA of ground floor is 555 sqm
 - GFA of the proposed future extension is 80 sqm
 - Please refer to Attachment 2 for floor plans indicating square meters.

- **Question 4: Clarify the need for Principals insurance.**

- All Agencies must follow Treasurer's Instruction PF-4 Procurement Framework – Policies impacting on Procurement: Building and Construction / Roads and Bridges, 1 September 2023.
- The Department of Treasury and Finance negotiates an annual construction works insurance policy through its broker, JLT Public Sector (JLT). Agencies then place a policy for each relevant works contract individually throughout the year. The insurance covers construction material damage and construction liability associated with the works.
- The specific clause that all Agencies must follow is 4.14 under PF-4, which states:

Insurance Requirements for Building and Construction Works – Principal-arranged Insurance

4.14 For:

- all building and construction *major works* projects: and
- building and construction *minor works* projects valued at \$50 000 or more, unless a risk assessment indicates that the use of the Principal-arranged insurance policy for the minor works is not warranted;

The relevant Agency must affect insurance of works and public liability insurance through the Government's Principal-arranged insurance policy.

- The Department confirms that it takes out Principal-arranged insurance for all projects in accordance with the requirements of the Treasurers Instruction PF-4 Section 4.14. For the Kings Meadows Community Health Centre Redevelopment Project, the cost of the Principal-arranged insurance is \$108 488.

- **Additional Information:**

- A clarification on information provided on pages 7 and 9 of the PSCPW Report tabled 12 May 2025, is offered. It is indicated in the report that the existing renal unit has 16 treatment bays. This is clarified as follows:
 - The existing service is plumbed for 16 treatment bays, but only 15 treatment chairs are in use, as the service is staffed for 15 treatment chairs, equating to 180 treatments per week.
 - As discussed during the hearing on Monday, 12 May 2025, the 16th treatment bay is used by exception, for example, when maintenance is occurring on another treatment bay.

Yours sincerely



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