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Dear Mr Behrakis

Thank you for your Constituency Question on behalf of Hobart CBD business owners and their concerns about crime.

You sought information regarding what is being done locally in the Hobart CBD to address this issue, in addition to the actions being taken to target repeat offenders, and whether there are additional measures that can be taken to improve safety.

Further to the work of Taskforce Saturate, which has charged 980 people with over 12,500 offences since starting in 2018, Tasmania Police works closely with the City of Hobart Council to address antisocial behaviour and crime.

Everyone deserves to feel safe at home, out in public and in their workplaces. Tasmania Police, in conjunction with the City of Hobart Council, use their combined resources to identify and respond to any offences occurring. While this occurs on a regular basis using the Hobart's CCTV network, there are also targeted operations.

These operations focus on areas such as Wellington Court, and areas in the CBD such as the Elizabeth Street Mall, and the Cat & Fiddle Arcade.

In response to an increase in complaints from the public, recently a dedicated Hobart CBD patrol has been implemented. This means Tasmania Police officers are undertaking high-visibility foot-patrols in the Hobart CBD and transport hubs, focussing on detecting offenders, resetting behaviours and keeping all members of the public safe.

If members of the public have any concerns at all about their safety, or the safety of others, they are encouraged to phone it into the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or 000 in an emergency.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management
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