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Dear Ms Rosol

Constituency Question – Gas Safety

The matters you raise in your question about the dangers associated with the use of portable gas appliances inside homes and the issues posed by carbon monoxide gas, are of on-going concern to the Tasmanian Government.

As such, Consumer, Building and Occupational Services (CBOS) has a range of measures in place, including educative initiatives, to help inform the public and mitigate the risks associated with the use of these products. These include, but are not limited to:

- annual safety critical testing of at-risk appliances to maintain certification
- the inclusion of safety devices on high-risk appliances
- a prohibition on the sale of older open flued heaters that do not meet contemporary carbon monoxide safety standards
- an annual open flued heater safety audit program
- numerous and ongoing educational articles and guidance materials including web content, social media posts and fridge magnets.

I understand that the constituent concerned, Mr Andrew Foley has corresponded with CBOS and that similar information has been provided to him, including that he should contact CBOS directly if he encounters further safety issues of this nature.

Yours sincerely

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Small Business and Consumer Affairs