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Dear Ms Burnet Helen

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 27 November 2025 in Parliament, regarding long term funding for the Learner Driver Mentor Program (LDMP). I appreciate your interest in this important initiative.

The Tasmanian Government has committed \$1 million per annum toward the LDMP for a further two years, until the conclusion of the current Road Safety Levy, including support for Driver Mentoring Tasmania.

The LDMP provides supervised driving, through volunteers, to Tasmanians who have barriers preventing them from gaining the necessary supervised driving hours to sit a provisional license test. Through the 16 LDMP providers situated around Tasmania, services are provided to migrants, refugees, people with high needs, older learner drivers and those in rural and remote areas. Driver Mentoring Tasmania supports the 16 LDMP providers to deliver their important role through training volunteer supervisory drivers, program promotion, and coordination across the entire program. Tasmanian Government funding to the LDMP is operated as a grant administered by the Department of State Growth.

LDMP providers will be informed of the available funding and the grant program will formally open in mid-March 2025.

This will provide certainty for the LDMP, allowing programs to plan for the next 24 months and continue employment contracts for their Coordinators.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

Eric Abetz MP

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