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Ms Rebecca White MP
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Dear Ms White

Thank you for your Constituency Question of 17 September raised on behalf of the Sorell SES volunteers. It was worrying to hear that there have been incidents involving young people engaging in risk taking behaviour on roads and in traffic that the Sorell unit have witnessed.

You sought a commitment from me to provide an opportunity for students to learn from the frontline about how risk-taking behaviour can have bad outcomes. The advice from the Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management was sought on how this could best be achieved.

Earlier this year, I attended the launch of the 'Road Safety Attitudes and Awareness' program at the Launceston Christian School, which was hosted by a Tasmania Fire Service Station Officer.

I have requested that the TFS Officer reach out to the concerned constituent directly to discuss how this road safety education initiative could be brought to the Sorell community, and whether there is an avenue to have Sorell SES volunteers involved in the delivery of a similar 'Road Safety Attitudes and Awareness' program. Additionally, I will provide your office with the contact details of the TFS Officer for passing on to the constituent.

Any efforts to improve the safety of young people around roads and in traffic should be encouraged, and I extend my thanks to the concerned constituent for their advocacy on this important issue.

I look forward to helping to bring a road safety program to the Sorell community and share your desire to reduce and eliminate this risk-taking behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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

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